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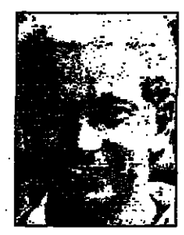
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Croats take key airport as pitched battles rage

■ With the Croatian offensive continuing and Serb threats of reprisal, international concerns are growing about a rapid expansion and intensification of the Krajina conflict

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ZEMUNIK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CROATIAN commandos captured the strategic Zemunik airport on the Dalmatian coast yesterday, as their four-day-old offensive into a UN-monitored buffer zone gathered momentum.

In the surrounding villages, Serbs and Croats fought pitched battles, and two French soldiers with the UN protection force were killed by artillery fire as they tried to negotiate a ceasefire. Three others were wounded.

The latest surge of fighting around the Serb enclave of Krajina prompted the rump Yugoslavia to place its Serb-dominated federal army on a higher state of combat alert, and Russia to threaten international sanctions against Croatia. But despite the clashes of recent days, Serb and Croat leaders continued their search for peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina in talks with Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance.

At Zemunik airport, Croatia's red and white chequered flag flew from the control tower for the first time in two years, and the commandos there declared that their next target was Knin, capital of Krajina. The Croats were also reported to have captured Bobija Hill in Krajina proper, beyond the UN ceasefire line called the "Pink Zone" and within artillery range of important Serb positions. One soldier claimed that 150 Serbs had been killed in the past three days and that 11 Croats had died.

Another commando said that a team of eight had seized the airport at 2.15am after pounding the Serbs with artillery all day on Sunday. The airport was the Serbs' main bastion on Krajina's western front and its seizure means they are no longer in artillery range of the port of Zadar.

Serb gunners continued to shell the area around the airport yesterday, however, and UN officials said there was "quite a bit" of tank and artillery fire in villages near by. "It seems it was initiated by the Croatian army, but there was lots of return fire," a UN protection force spokeswoman said. "We are continuing with talks to see how a ceasefire may be agreed. There is an enormous amount of diplomatic activity going on."

It was during truce negotiations that the two French soldiers were killed yesterday. The men had been positioned at Karin Plaza near Maslenica, where the Croats aim to rebuild an bridge linking the north of their republic with Zadar. Zeljko Bujas, the Croatian ambassador to London, claimed that the UN had approved the rebuilding of the bridge, as had the presidents of Serbia and Yugoslavia. He added that Lord Owen and Mr Vance had agreed that the UN protection force should facilitate the rebuilding.

Lord Owen has condemned the Croats' use of force, but has shown understanding for their position in wanting to make the main coastal road passable again. Russia, however, was harsh in its criticism yesterday. The deputy foreign minister, Vitali Churkin, said: "If the Croatian side does not cease military actions against Serbs, Russia will move a resolution to introduce international sanctions against Croatia."

His ministry had earlier issued a statement condemning the breach of a year-old ceasefire. "Such an action, undertaken at a moment when the possibility of a settlement of the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina has become a real one, is a highly ill-considered step. It is one more link in a chain of violations by Zagreb of UN Security Council demands."

Yugoslavia also claimed that the fighting — and Serb-Muslim clashes in eastern Bosnia — threatened the Geneva peace talks, and put the army on combat alert.

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"In 1938, Britain was forced to examine the role it wished to play in the world by the annexation of a small part of a country to which it attached no importance. So it is today"

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Protocol observed: John Major is helped with his shoes by an attendant after placing a wreath yesterday at the site in Delhi of Mahatma Gandhi's cremation. Security tightened, page 2; Woodrow Wyatt, page 16

Fresh signs of recovery encourage Tory MPs

BY PHILIP BASSETT, JANET BUSH AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major yesterday struck an optimistic note about the economy, pointing to a surge in confidence among industrialists — even though other indicators suggested that the economy remains very weak.

Ministers, who feel lack of confidence is the major impediment to recovery, are putting the most positive interpretation on any optimistic signs. Nevertheless, output, orders, exports and employment are continuing to fall, according to a survey published yesterday by the Confederation of British Industry.

Backbench Conservative unease about the state of the economy surfaced again yesterday in a rare direct plea to Bank of England chiefs to support further interest-rate cuts and other measures to revive demand. A broadly-based group of about ten Tory MPs met Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the bank governor, and Eddie George, his deputy and governor-designate, to register their concern about the recession. They argued that an immediate cut in rates was needed and some urged the bank not to fund fully the spiralling public-sector deficit as part of a loosening of monetary policy.

Some backbench Tory MPs are also talking about a "crisis Budget" in March, in which the tax burden would rise by more than £10 billion but interest rates would be cut by 3 percentage points to 4 per cent. Dealers in the financial markets judged, however, that improved confidence may deter the Treasury from cutting interest rates. Sterling rallied, recouping some of last week's losses, and the pound ended at DM2.4520, compared with DM2.4370 on Friday.

Speaking in India, the prime minister said he was "delighted" by the findings of the CBI survey, which showed the sharpest rise in business confidence for almost five years. Mr Major said the "missing ingredient" for economic recovery had been confidence among businessmen. "It is very good news indeed that we have this survey showing such dramatically increased confidence," he said, adding that he looked forward to it being translated into "dramatically increased action".



Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said that the CBI's survey and a report from the construction industry, which both forecast further big falls in employment, showed ministers must face "escalating job losses".

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PowerGen to rescue coal pits in Germany

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

POWERGEN, one of Britain's two electricity generating companies, has won sole negotiating rights to buy half the coal industry of former East Germany and save the jobs of 16,000 miners there.

In a deal that may prove as controversial in Germany as in Britain, Treuhand, the privatisation agency selling off the industry of the former communist country, has granted a 50-50 consortium of PowerGen and the American company, NRG Energy, exclusive rights until July to negotiate the purchase of nine pits belonging to Mitteldeutsche Braunkohle (Mibrag). The consortium hopes to rescue pits likely to close, and open a new coal-fired generating plant near Leipzig.

The deal has run into fierce opposition from west German energy companies afraid of losing their monopoly in a market notorious for its high charges. After unification, a group of west German companies took over the running of the former east German state concern, officially still under Treuhand's control. They proposed shutting almost half the open-cast pits because the heavily polluting brown coal or lignite was uneconomic to mine.

After an outcry from the threatened workforce, Treuhand offered foreign investors a chance to buy the pits and sell the electricity to the east German network. PowerGen will have to invest heavily in new, less polluting equipment, and wants a guarantee that it can sell its electricity in the west as well as the east. The deal is said to be worth DM1 billion (£387 million).

Many miners would still be made redundant, but in contrast to Britain, the generating authority is eager to save as many pits as possible.

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Prince says no to tape enquiry

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales has declined an offer from the Press Complaints Commission to take part in an enquiry into the so-called Camillagate tape, Buckingham Palace said yesterday. Instead, the palace has suggested that the commission conduct its own investigation into the wider issues of news reports based on telephone bugging and other forms of intrusion.

There was never much doubt that the prince would reject the commission's offer, made in a letter last week. He was asked whether he wished to state that the publication of a transcript of an intimate telephone call said to be between himself and Camilla Parker Bowles had been an invasion of his privacy.

A similar letter was sent to Mrs Parker Bowles, but she has not yet replied. Taking

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Cell phone 'cancer' scare worries firms

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN makers of cellular telephones were deluged with calls from worried customers yesterday after widespread but unproven suggestions that the instruments can cause brain cancer.

Motorola Inc, the world's biggest producer of cellular phones, mounted a vigorous damage control operation to deny the allegations.

The worries are based on allegations that cellular phone antennas emit an unsafe level of electromagnetic radiation. But manufacturers say that no portable phone antenna operates at a power level above 0.6 watts, well within safety limits approved by the US government. Car phones can have a three-watt antenna, but they are not usually next to the user's head.

In Washington, the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association said that there had been thousands of studies showing the phones to be safe. Nonetheless, shares in cell phone firms dipped on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Wall Street Journal said that speculation about safety of the phones, whether realistic or fantasy, could seriously damage the growth of an industry that already has ten million users and has been gaining customers at the rate of 7,600 a day in the America.

The safety fears were generated by interviews on CNN's *Larry King Show* with cellular phone users who claimed that the devices had caused brain cancer. One of them, David Reynard, of St Petersburg, Florida, is suing NEC, the Japanese phone maker, and his American phone company, alleging that his wife died of a brain tumour that developed at the point where she held her mobile phone to her head. William Pogue, a property valuer from Naples, Florida, said he suspects a

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Cheerful chappies lead the parade in a parliamentary pantomime

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

It seemed somehow fitting that the first two Tory backbenchers to speak in support of the national lottery bill were Kenneth Baker and David Mellor. Something in the demeanour of both has long proclaimed "Roll up! Roll up! Wonderful prizes!"

And some instinct in us has demanded we check that the tickets were not forgeries and the prizes were real.

Mr Baker's great delight, he told MPs yesterday — his whole aim in life, we gathered — was "the cause of cheering us all up". Cheering us up! He grinned. Mr Baker does not have (as peacocks have) a many-splendoured tail, nor does he have painted wings (as butterflies have) to spread in the sun.

But he has a way of pausing during a speech, holding himself still and beaming gently, which suggests that were he a peacock this would be the moment for the tail to quiver while we marvelled; and were he a butterfly this would be the time to pause upon some honeysuckle blossom and fold and unfold his wings in the sunshine while his little feelers waved. One looked back on Mr Baker's record as education secretary, home secretary, environment secretary, industry minister, campaign manager, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Conservative party chairman, and remembered the troubled history of his areas of responsibility, the self-destruct tendency of so many of his intriguing initiatives. There were the prison riots, the national core curriculum and "Baker days" at school. There was the poll tax, the infotech revolution, the CTCs, the Dangerous Dogs Act . . .

And suddenly one grasped the key to this puzzling charade of a life. *It was all a joke!* Mr Baker's whole career has been an elaborate trick designed to cheer us up: a sort of exploding cigar writ large. The self-sacrifice leaves you breathless.

Three other MPs with a showbiz aura joined the parliamentary pantomime: the civil service minister, a lugubrious Eeyore of a minister, Robert Jackson; Michael Fabricant (C, Mid-Staffs) and the ebullient and shiny-faced little Labour spokesman, Mark Fisher.

Asked by arch-conspiracist Chris Mullin about public servants in secret societies, Mr Jackson made a startling revelation. "One of the interesting things about secret societies," he said, "is that *one never* knows who are the members of them". Winded by his insight, he sat down.

Michael Fabricant took heritage ministers to task over press intrusion. Fabricant wanted a tribunal "with teeth", to protect the privacy of the individual from "delinquent newspapers".

But where would Mr Fabricant draw the line around that privacy? His wig, for instance: is that in the public domain? On the side of privacy it might be argued that he has never claimed he does *not* wear a hairpiece. On the side of freedom of information it might be argued that while news of his wig is supressed Mr Fabricant is surely debarred from criticising artifice or deception in any area of public life. How, for instance, would he describe what the rest of the world calls a cover-up? It is a fascinating debate.

Mark Fisher makes no secret of his baldness. Yesterday he told ministers that "there is not a single mention of pensions or pensioners in the citizens' charter". This proved, Fisher said, that the charter "ignores pensioners".

Interesting logic. I have checked the charter myself, and there is not a single mention of bald people, or Etonians. This proves that if you are a bald Etonian then the citizens' charter is doubly unconcerned about you. That may explain why Mr Fisher is so cross about it.

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Baseball bat attacker beats policewoman unconscious

■ After the latest in a series of attacks on lone officers, police in Essex are calling for an end to solo patrols and an increase in personal protection on the beat

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A LONE policewoman was beaten unconscious with a baseball bat yesterday as her colleagues listened at a radio patrol post, powerless to help.

WPC Kirste Snellgrove, 23, of Essex police, was eventually found and treated in hospital for cuts and bruising. Her attacker, a suspect who had begun raining blows on her when she challenged him, had fled. Last night representatives of Essex officers planned to ask their chief constable for an end to officers patrolling alone.

Det Insp Andy Down, leading the search for the man, said: "She managed to get to her personal radio and called control. They heard her say 'I'm at . . .', then she passed out. But the control staff could still hear the thump as the blows landed, the man grunting with effort and Kirste crying and groaning. It was very traumatic for them."

The attack will increase police demands for better protection for officers on patrol. Lesley Harrison, a Liverpool policewoman, is still recovering after being stabbed last month. Although chief constables have announced tests on a new 21in truncheon and a telescopic truncheon, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, continues to refuse to allow any trial of side-handle batons, despite pressure from police organisations.

WPC Snellgrove, who joined the police 2½ years ago, was patrolling at 3am yesterday when she went to check a burglar alarm ringing on an industrial estate in Rayleigh. The alarm proved to be set off by the wind but Mr Down said: "She saw a man in the shadows and got out of the car to challenge him, to ask him who he was and what he was doing there. He didn't say a word, just bashed her over the head with a baseball bat. She fell to the ground but he continued to rain blows on her."

The man never spoke during the attack. Mr Down added: "Luckily she managed to protect her head with her hands, which are covered with bruises and cuts. So is the back of her head. I think he gave her a kicking, too, because even her ribs are bruised."

During her police career, WPC Snellgrove, who lives with her mother, has been attacked once before when a shoplifter elbowed her in the face.

Local officials from the Police Federation, which covers all junior ranks, discussed the incident yesterday. Sergeant Bob Needham, chairman of the branch, said they would talk to John Burrow, *the chief constable, about ending* the practice of officers patrolling on their own.

Mr Needham said it was not a question of stopping women patrolling on their own because all officers had to do the same duties regardless of sex. There were doubts about whether any officer should patrol alone.

Mr Needham said forces were restricted because of a lack of manpower and double manning would reduce the number of patrols. It was not easy to predict what would be a dangerous patrol. "Routine turns into drama at an instant but not necessarily at 3am."

Police have been demanding more action, not only on *better defensive weapons and* some form of body armour but also on tougher sentencing from the courts.



Kirste Snellgrove before and after yesterday's attack by a suspect she challenged while patrolling at 3am

Extradition treaty triggers threats to Major in India

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER IN DELHI

THE security shield around John Major was tightened last night after new threats to his safety in India.

After the Delhi police admitted that up to seven militant Sikh and Kashmiri organisations had threatened the prime minister, Mr Major last night said he believed they came from groups opposed to the new extradition agreement between Britain and India.

As he prepared for today's Republic Day celebrations in Delhi, at which he is the first British prime minister to be chief guest, Mr Major declared that he was "entirely content" with the security arrangements made for his trip and vowed that threats would not lead to any let up in the international fight against terrorism.

The security scare arose on Sunday night after four Sikh terrorists were arrested with bombs primed for explosion during the Republic Day celebrations.

Then a Delhi police commissioner said that Mr Major faced a threat from at least seven organisations, including the Khalistan Commando Force and the Hizbul Mujahidin. The police also said that a big security cover had been placed around the city because of Mr Major's presence.

Downing Street aides made plain there would be no change in Mr Major's plans and that the threats had been taken into account in the security planning for the visit. However, worries over security overshadowed Mr Major's day of talks with Indian ministers. Diplomatic sources said the British high commission had been "sandbagged" around six months ago after a threat from Sikh militants. Other diplomatic sources said that some of the groups that threatened Mr Major were believed to have links with the IRA and Libyan groups.

Asked whether he felt under threat, Mr Major replied: "Not under threat. Entirely happy. Delighted to be here."

In a speech in Delhi last night, Mr Major said India and Britain shared a fundamental abhorrence of terrorism which had tragically affected both countries. "I am determined that our successful record of co-operation should continue."

Few countries are as obsessive about VIP security as India, which has lost Mahatama Gandhi, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, and hundreds of other politicians to assassins' bullets and bombs.

Visiting dignitaries are automatic targets, but Mr Major would be a special prize to Sikh terrorists angered by Britain's new extradition treaty with India. Most Punjabi militant organisations have sympathisers among Sikhs living in Britain.

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Dublin planned to send troops north

The Irish government secretly planned to send its troops into Northern Ireland to protect nationalist areas against a loyalist pogrom when the present Troubles erupted. The scheme was one of a number of measures considered as part of efforts to provide assistance to beleaguered Roman Catholic communities in the north, according to a television documentary to be broadcast tomorrow.

The programme alleges that secret bank accounts were set up along with officially sanctioned weapons training for men from the minority community in Northern Ireland. The programme is the latest attempt to expose the political and military manoeuvrings that took place in Dublin as rioting swept Northern Ireland in 1969, overwhelming the Royal Ulster Constabulary and leading to fears in the south that Roman Catholic communities were to be left to loyalist mobs.

Bishop's bail extended

Gloucestershire police have extended bail for the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Rev Peter Ball, 60, who is under investigation over allegations of indecency with a 17-year-old trainee monk. Yesterday police confirmed bail had been continued but would not give a date when the bishop would have to surrender to police. The bishop was due to go to Gloucester police station yesterday. Police said investigations were not complete but a file would be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Securicor clue found

Suffolk detectives hunting Edward Maher, the Securicor guard who disappeared with his cargo of £1 million last Friday, suspect at least two people could have been involved in the robbery, which was planned over several months. They believe a stolen Toyota Previa space cruiser, found with false number plates and the keys in the ignition in a Felixstowe car park, was used to move 50 sacks of cash from the Securicor van to a rendezvous point, where the money was then put into a second vehicle.

British Gas on trial

British Gas will face a jury today accused of endangering the lives of the 15,000 residents of Royston, Hertfordshire. A series of explosions affected homes, schools and offices there nearly two years ago after a gas surge through the mains. The Health and Safety Executive alleges that the company put Royston at risk after laying a new main in Melbourn Road. The case, expected to last two weeks, opens before a jury at St Albans Crown Court today. When the charges were put yesterday British Gas pleaded not guilty.

Dogs allowed to starve

A woman who watched her three dogs starve to death was jailed for six months yesterday and banned for life from owning an animal. The bull terrier bitch and its two puppies ate their way through a door in a room at her home where she imprisoned them. Neighbours called in the police because of the thousands of flies clinging to the windows, a court at Newton Aycliffe, co Durham, was told. Donna Carr, 26, a factory worker who had abandoned the house in West Cornforth, said she could not afford to feed them.

Jail escaper returns

The first man to escape from Britain's first private jail gave himself up at the prison gates yesterday after spending his birthday on the run. Craig Renshaw, 23, escaped from the Wolds remand centre in Everthorpe, near Hull, Humberside, on Saturday by sneaking out with prison visitors. He told fellow inmates that he could not stand to spend his birthday inside the jail, which has been run by Group 4 Security since it opened last year.

Jail conditions attacked

Huts housing prisoners have leaking roofs, poor heating and primitive lavatory and showers, according to a prison inspectorate report. Blankets and curtains had to be used in place of doors at Spring Hill jail near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. Judge Stephen Tumim, the chief inspector, said the accommodation was some of the worst he had seen.

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Prince declines enquiry into tape

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part in an investigation would have been tantamount to an admission of the tape's authenticity, and would have raised the profile of an issue which the prince, his family and staff hope will be quickly forgotten.

Neither the prince nor the palace has made any comment on the tape since its existence was disclosed in the *Daily Mirror* last November, and which has since been published in several British, Irish and foreign newspapers.

The commission wrote to the prince and Mrs Parker Bowles after receiving a number of complaints from readers and from the Freedom Association, a right-wing pressure group, over publication of the text of the tape in British newspapers.

The commission is willing to investigate complaints of alleged press misbehaviour or inaccuracy from third parties, but it has stated on several occasions that complaints of breach of privacy cannot be properly investigated without the co-operation of those whose privacy is supposed to have been breached.

At its regular monthly meeting tomorrow, the commission will debate whether to proceed with an inquiry as a matter of public interest. However, Mark Bolland, director of the commission, said yesterday he would be surprised if there was now any further investigation into the matter.

Even before the Camillagate tape was published, senior officials at Buckingham Palace had conducted behind-the-scenes discussions with Lord McGregor of Durris, the commission chairman, to press for a much harder approach to the general question of intrusion of privacy.

Andrew Hargreaves, Tory MP for Birmingham, Hall Green, criticised the commission, saying: "By calling for an inquiry and publicly inviting the prince to take part in it exacerbates an already difficult position."

Cell phone 'cancer' scare worries firms

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cellular phone is to blame for his brain cancer.

Concerns on Wall Street were fuelled further by the brain cancer death last week of Reginald Lewis, chairman of TLC Beatrice, and the announcement that Michael Walsh, chief executive of Tenneco, has the same disease. Neither company would say if the executives were frequent cellular phone users.

The industry association complained about "scare tactics" on the CNN programme and accused Mr Reynard of bringing an irresponsible product liability lawsuit.

A Motorola executive said that the company had sponsored a mass of research into cellular phone radiation and stood firmly by the safety of its products. She said: "There is no, absolutely no, indication that such a device could initiate a tumour."

☐ **Research doubts:** America has become obsessed in recent years with alleged links between power lines and electrical equipment and various cancers (Nick Nuttall writes). British researchers, however, remain doubtful.

Some research has indicated that high frequency equipment, including mobile phones, might aggrevate cancerous conditions. Britain's National Radiological Protection Board said last night, however: "Our evidence *strongly suggests* there is no cause for concern."

A three-year, government-backed, research project being undertaken by three universities and eight companies is under way. It will develop probes to measure directly the heating and electrical effects of cell phones on the brain.

The main concern is over the next generation of mobile phones, called personal communication networks, the first of which are expected this year. Britain's cell phones operate, like American ones, at about the 900 MHz frequency. The new generation, however, will operate at 1,800 MHz.

Lamont's seven-man team of independent forecasters are

translate English documents into their Japanese equivalent.

"Holiday brochures? Or

CAROL LEONARD

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Runaway girl aged 7 killed by necklace, police believe

BY BILL FROST

A GIRL aged 7 who left home after an argument with her mother died of asphyxiation in what appeared to be a "tragic accident", Thames Valley police said yesterday.

Stacey Queripel's body was found in woodland near her home in Bracknell, Berkshire, on Sunday night. At first her death was treated by detectives as suspicious.

A post mortem examination carried out yesterday showed that she had died of asphyxiation, but police said subsequently that they were not looking for any other person in connection with their enquiries.

Detectives are working on the theory that Stacey was strangled by her own necklace as she ran through dense undergrowth in a park near her home.

A police spokesman said: "It looks very much as though the chain caught on a branch or bough and choked her. We are not treating this as a murder hunt, it appears to be a tragic accident."

Stacey was found in the grounds of South Hill Park Arts Centre in Bracknell shortly after 9pm on Sunday. A search had been launched two hours earlier when the child's mother realised that she had disappeared.

The girl had been sent to her room as a punishment after an argument. Minutes later she had dressed herself, packed a small bag, and left the family home on the Birch Hill estate.

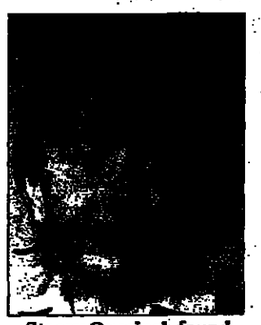
Stacey's mother checked her daughter's room shortly afterwards and found her bed empty. She immediately contacted the police.

After Stacey was found, ambulancemen attempted to revive her with the kiss of life, but she was pronounced dead after being admitted to Heatherwood hospital, Ascot.

Pupils and teachers at her school said prayers for her and her family at assembly yesterday morning. Stella Beardmore, head teacher at Birch Hill Junior and Infants' School, said: "She was a normal, healthy, bouncing little girl. We are all very shocked by the news."

Stacey's father, Steven Norton, a painter and decorator, said yesterday: "I am numb. This hasn't sunk in yet." He said he last saw his daughter just before Christmas. He said that she was "full of beans". He was trying to contact Stacey's mother, who used to live with him.

Chief Inspector John Reeve, of Thames Valley Police, said last night: "From what the pathologist has told us after carrying out a further examination of the body, we believe it would have been almost impossible for anybody else to have inflicted the injuries found on Stacey's neck. However, the enquiry is continuing."



Stacey Queripel: found strangled in woodland



Long and the short: couturiers in Paris were in a holiday mood as they previewed their new spring/summer lines. Christian Lacroix went for the tummy look, left, with a patchwork of multi-coloured plaids, floral prints and rhinestone beading — a vision promising a sunny future for couture. Torrente continued the summer theme with graphic black and white, centre, layering billowing striped skirts which opened to reveal tiny shorts. Nina Ricci's chiffon starfish creation owed much to the undersea world of Jacques Cousteau

Marquess banned from wife's house

BY NICHOLAS WATT

A HIGH COURT judge has banned the Marquess of Blandford from visiting his estranged wife's house and from pestering her.

Lawyers acting for Lady Blandford obtained an injunction banning her husband from leaving the country until he had arranged to comply with maintenance orders. The couple separated last year and Lady Blandford has been living in a rented house at Kiddington, Oxfordshire, with their son, George, who was born last July.

After the injunction was obtained on Friday the marquess, who is heir to the £100 million Blenheim Palace estate, allegedly threatened to kill his wife in a telephone call to her nanny. But Alan Niekirk, Lady Blandford's solicitor, yesterday played down the alleged threat. "The only threat was made by phone to a third party, and in the heat of the moment he allegedly said he would kill his wife," Mr Niekirk said. "I do not think this was made seriously."

Michael Stamford-Tuck, Lord Blandford's lawyer, said last night that tempers were running high, and he blamed the police for leaking details of the couple's difficulties. "I am very disappointed with the police. I think it is very irresponsible," he said. "If they can't keep this quiet, I don't know what they can."

A close family friend spoke yesterday of how relations had soured between the couple since they married in 1990. "There have been some very ugly scenes over the lack of maintenance being paid. She has been very frightened by what has been happening."

The couple initially lived in a £500,000 coaching house on the Blenheim estate. But the marquess was jailed in October 1991 for driving while disqualified. The couple were briefly reunited after his release, but by the beginning of last year he had moved out.

Short gains crushing victory

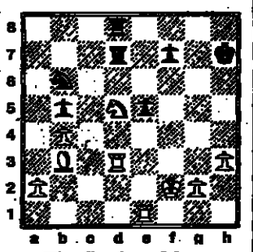
BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S Nigel Short scored an overwhelming victory last night in the tenth game of his world chess championship eliminator against Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman.

Timman adopted a passive defence against Short's Ruy Lopez set-up. Short leads by 6 points to 4, and needs just 1½ more points.

Game 10

White	Black	White	Black
1 e4	e5	22 b4	axb4
2 Nf3	Nc6	23 cxb4	Nc4
3 Bb5	Nf6	24 dxc6	Bxc6
5 0-0	Be7	25 Bb3	Rad8
6 Re1	b5	26 Qg3	Nf8
7 Bb3	d6	27 Nf3	Ne6
8 c3	0-0	28 Ng5	Nxg5
9 h3	Nb7	29 Bxg5	Bf8
10 d4	Re8	30 Bc6	Qd6
11 Nbd2	Bf8	31 Rd3	h4
12 a3	Nb8	32 Rf3	hxg3
13 Nf1	Nbd7	33 Rd6	gxf2+
14 Ng3	Nc5	34 Kxf2	Re7
15 Bc2	a5	35 Rxg6+	Kh7
16 Nh2	g6	36 Rg3	d5
17 Qf3	h5	37 exd5	Bxd5
18 Be3	Nb7	38 Rd3	Nb5
19 Rad1	Qe7	39 Nxe3	Rxd7
20 Ng1	Rg7	40 Nxd5	
21 Bc1	c5		Black resigns



The final position

Strongman death enquiry

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

ANABOLIC steroid drugs are suspected of having caused the death of Jon Pall Sigmarsson, the 21-stone Icelander who won the title of the world's strongest man four times and could pull a lorry using a rope gripped between his teeth.

His roar of "Viking Power", strength and competitive zeal made Sigmarsson a flamboyant figure in the annual contest, from the moment that he defeated Geoff Capes, Britain's former Olympic shot-putter, for the title in 1987.

Sigmarsson, 32, collapsed from a heart attack in his gymnasium near Reykjavik on January 16 while in training to regain the championship and to take part in the Highland games circuit.

An enquiry into his death is under way but medical sources suspect that hormone drugs may have helped him to add large quantities of muscle weight and his body could not cope with the extra demands placed on it. Since 1985, Sigmarsson had refused to undergo any drug tests in Iceland where, as in Britain, the possession of anabolic steroids is not a criminal offence, although selling the drugs can lead to legal action.

Petur Petursson, an Icelandic doctor who has campaigned against the growing use of hormone drugs in his country, said yesterday: "I do not know if he was using anabolic steroids. However, Sigmarsson did not smoke and it is very unusual for someone of his age to have a heart attack."



Sigmarsson: anabolic steroids may have caused death

Sigmarsson, who stood 6ft 3in tall, was originally a bodybuilder, winning the Mr Iceland title, and also a competitive powerlifter. He took part only in Highland games events that were not under the jurisdiction of the Scottish Games Association where drug testing is mandatory.

Sigmarsson is not the first strongman to have died from a heart attack in recent years. In July 1989, Tom Hawk, 21, from Maidenhead, Berkshire, collapsed before an event in Scotland.

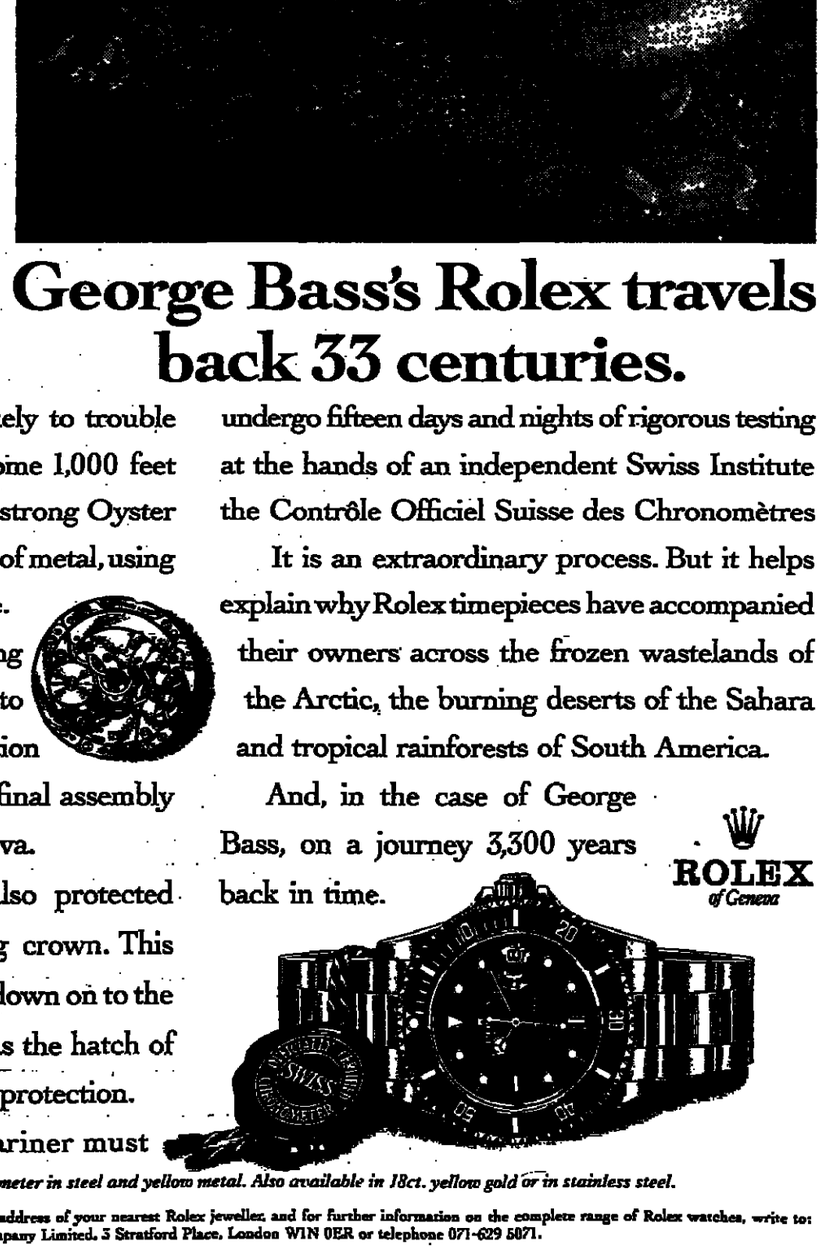
Evidence at the fatal accident enquiry said that his death was probably related to taking hormone drugs.

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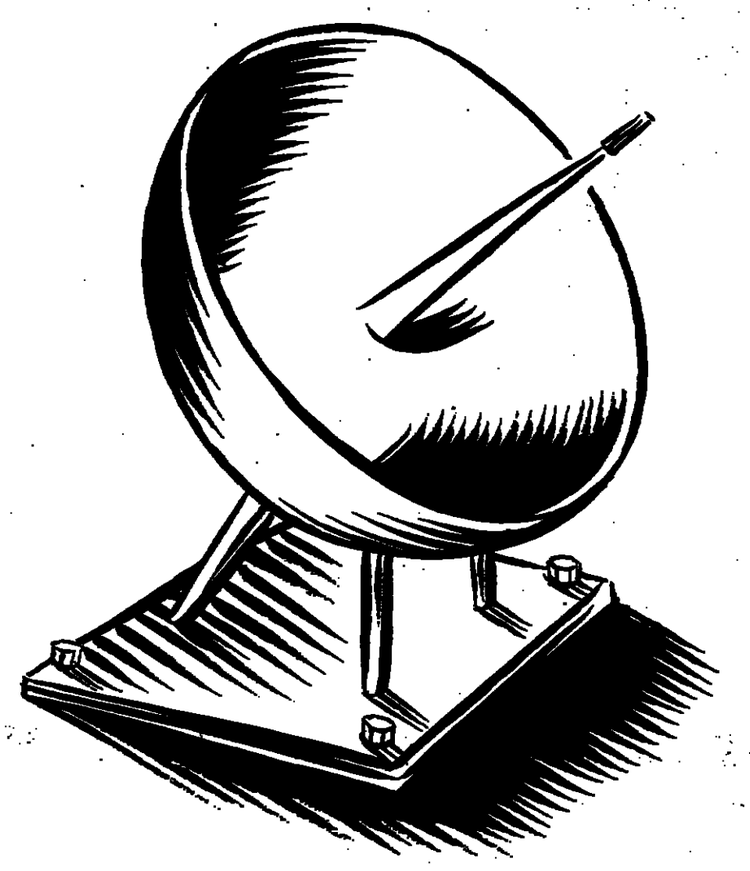
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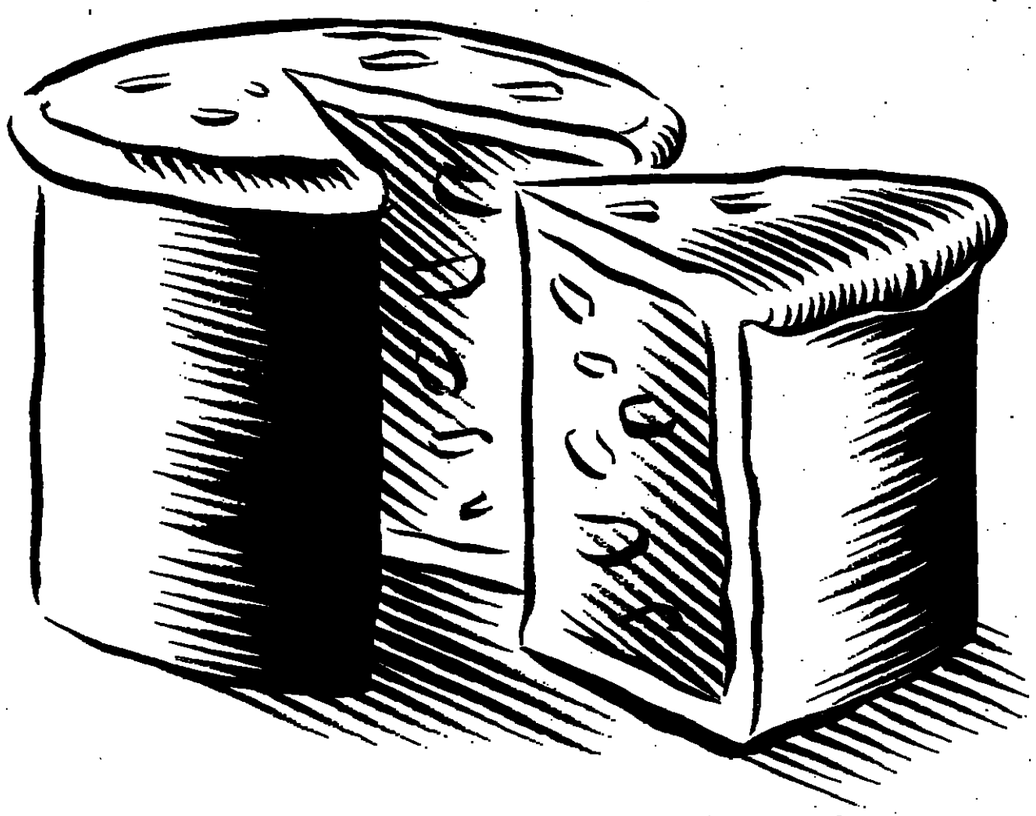
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Serial killer should not be given TV platform, court told

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

TELEVISION viewers should not be subjected in their homes to the image of the mass murderer Dennis Nilsen speaking in prurient and chilling detail of his horrific crimes, the High Court was told yesterday.

His conversation was that of a cold, calculating, remorseless killer and his appearance on the screen would increase the pain and suffering of those bereaved as a result of his activities, Michael Silverleaf, counsel for the Home Office, said.

But counsel for Central Television said showing the interview could save lives by reminding parents of the dangers to children presented by people such as Nilsen. Mr Silverleaf said that Nilsen would be glamourised as a person if Central Television was allowed to broadcast four minutes of an interview with him in a documentary on serial killers.

The company was attempting to drive a "coach and horses" through the Home Office policy of refusing to allow people serving life sentences to be interviewed on television, he said.

Mr Silverleaf added: "This is an interview in a prison with a man convicted of a number of awful, horrific murders who has been deprived of his liberty for the rest of his life. It takes a powerful reason to make it appropriate to give him a public platform into the homes of millions of people to put forward his views."

There was a risk that the public would be disturbed by the appearance in the programme of Nilsen, who had been locked away out of the public eye after his conviction of a series of violent and vile crimes, Mr Silverleaf said.

The Home Office is seeking a court injunction banning Central Television from showing four minutes of four hours of interview filmed with Nilsen while he was in Albany prison on the Isle of Wight. The Home Office claims that showing the extracts would be a breach of copyright or contract or both. Officials say permission for the interview was given only on grounds that it was for research purposes and that the Home Office had control of the use of material.

But Peter Prescott QC, for Central, said it would be in the public interest to transmit the interview with Nilsen, jailed for life after being convicted of six murders. "It is quite possible that showing this film to adults may save one or more lives. If even one life were saved, it would be unutterably more important than any other consideration in this case."

He said the programme, *Murder in the Mind*, to be broadcast tonight would be mutilated without the appearance of Nilsen. Even if the message of the programme did not get through to the more feckless parents, it might get through to their neighbours.

Judgment will be given today.



Nilsen: Home Office opposes interview

Army peacekeepers honour fallen comrade



Last farewell: fusilier comrades of Lance Corporal Wayne Edwards, who was killed by a sniper while serving with the Chesire Regiment in Bosnia, carry his coffin into St John's parish church, Rhosymedre, Clwyd, yesterday. More than 1,000 people lined the streets of the Welsh village to watch the funeral procession. Three members of the crew from the Warrior armoured personnel carrier that L Cpl Edwards was driving when he was shot on January 13 flew over to pay their respects. With them was his company commander, Major Alistair Rule and soldiers from the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Cheshire Regiment to whom he was attached. The chaplain from the 1st Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, padre John Tee, told the congregation: "Wayne died doing what he was best at — helping other people." Speaking at her home in Cefn Mawr before the funeral, Barbara Edwards, the dead soldier's mother, said: "He loved the Army and he was very proud to wear the uniform. He felt he was doing something for his country, especially when he heard he was going to Bosnia."

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Detectives step up stable hunt

BY LIN JENKINS

A SENIOR police officer is to be appointed today to head the enquiry into attacks on horses in the South East.

Initial enquiries suggest that the sexual assaults are the work of more than one person, despite similarities between recent cases.

The announcement follows the first death of a horse directly at the hands of its attacker. Mountbatten, a ten-year-old bay hunter, was found dead by Robert Broderick, its owner, in its stable at Four Marks, Hampshire, on Sunday morning.

There were 18 similar attacks on mares in the county last year. All involved the horses being mutilated around their sexual organs, and repeatedly stabbed. So far, there have been half a dozen cases in Hampshire this year and a handful in neighbouring counties.

From time to time, prosecutions are brought against people who commit sexual attacks on horses. Past offenders have often worked with horses, or owned one.

The RSPCA said there were 64 convictions for cruelty to horses in 1991, the latest year for which it had a figure.

Oxford to start drug enquiry

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

OXFORD University has promised a detailed enquiry into the level of drug abuse among its students after a report claimed yesterday that 40 per cent had taken illegal substances.

The student union survey of 241 undergraduates last term showed that 95 had taken cannabis and 18 had experimented with LSD. Henry Skelton, a student at New College, fell to his death last month after allegedly taking a cocktail of champagne and LSD.

The findings are likely to fuel concern about the welfare of students at Oxford less than a week after a university report admitted that undergraduate suicide had become a "cause for concern" and recommended improvements in official counselling services.

Nigel Huddleston, student union welfare officer, said: "Some people had only experimented and used the drug once. Many of them had tried drugs before they arrived at Oxford. The really worrying thing is that many people seemed to be unaware of the dangers. Very few of them realised you can die from taking Ecstasy".

Speed case against car chief dropped

BY PETER VICTOR

A SENIOR French Jaguar executive accused of speeding in the company's 212mph supercar had the case against him dropped yesterday, prompting the police to issue a counter statement.

Preston Magistrates' Court halted the prosecution against Christian Vilaseca, president of Jaguar in France, who was alleged to have driven at over 100mph, after the prosecution said it was not going to continue with the case. A Crown Prosecution Service spokesman said it was not in the public interest to proceed.

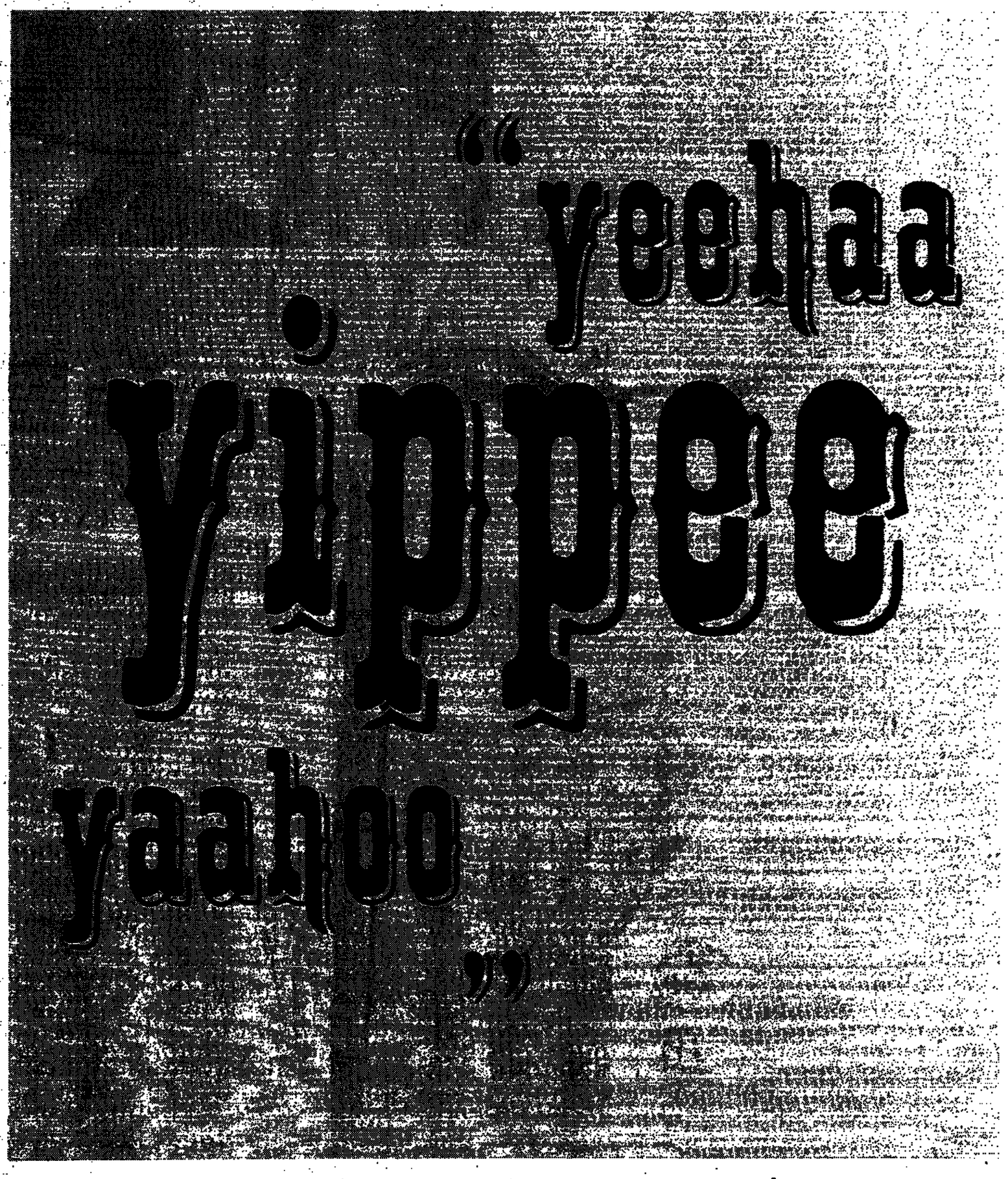
Lancashire police said in a statement afterwards that it did not agree with the decision to halt the case against Mr Vilaseca, 58, who was stopped on the M6 near Garstang, Lancashire, on November 1 last year in a Jaguar XJ220. The car is said to be the fastest production model in the world and is priced at £402,000.

Roy Walker, for the prosecution, told magistrates yesterday: "A notice of discontinuance has been sent to his solicitor and to his home address in Paris."

John Bates, chief crown prosecutor for Lancashire, who made the decision, said yesterday: "The police are entitled to disagree, but there is no question of drivers in particular, or speeding drivers in general, having the enforcement of the law relaxed.

"This was a case that turned on its own particular facts and circumstances — which included that Mr Vilaseca had spent one and a half hours in police custody. The object of these prosecutions is to deter people from doing it again. The fact of detention may have been, in this case, a sufficient deterrent," Mr Bates said.

At the time he was stopped, Mr Vilaseca was travelling to his Scottish mansion near Dufftown, Grampian. Among the select group of owners of the XJ220 is the singer Elton John.



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East End angels chip in to give The Invisible Man a West End debut



Visible support: Gary Stern at the Theatre Royal

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

AUDIENCES in London's East End were so impressed with a production at their local theatre that they raised £250,000 to buy it, bypassing the big-money producers to export the show into the dog-eat-dog West End.

As backers think long and hard about putting money into shows that carry no guarantee of success, budding impresarios who saw *The Invisible Man* at the Theatre Royal in Stratford East dug into their own pockets.

The money will take the production to the Vaudeville theatre where the Cameron Mackintosh aspirants expect a hit after it opens on February 6. With support from the West End establishment, who acknowledge the achievement as remarkable, syndicates formed by theatre staff and local people backed Ken Hill's production with unabashed East End spirit.

Gary Stern, owner of an East End printing firm, has stumped up £10,000. "I would like the money back, but if I don't get a return I would not be too concerned," he said. "It is a gamble, but if it works I will think about going into this sort of thing more seriously."

Mr Stern was attracted by the special effects in Ken Hill's adaptation, particularly where the Invisible Man unwraps his bandages to reveal a hole where his head ought to be. Theatre staff have taken a vow of silence on the secret of the illusion. Only members of the Inner Magic Circle know how Michael N. Harbour disappears on stage.

Chris Perrin, another supporter from the audience, admitted that he rarely went to West End theatres, but "some of the stuff that comes out of the East End from local writers is quite brilliant".

The loyalty has delighted Ken Bennett-Hunter, a director of Stratford East Productions, a limited company set up to gather donations. "Obviously, it is a risky business and you can never be sure. But the show ran for a relatively long time here and we had magnificent reviews for it. You can't get too nervous about putting money into the theatre."

As the Christmas period draws to a close, however, the West End is feeling the pinch of recession properly for the first time. Despite predictions to the contrary, 1992 was an averagely strong year, according to audience and production figures from the Society of West End Theatre (Swet).

But seven musicals will close this month and 15 London theatres will go dark at some stage during the winter and early spring. Theatre investors, known as angels, are growing edgy.

Among the more bankable productions booked for the first half of the year are an Agatha Christie whodunnit, *Murder is Easy*, starring Nigel Davenport at the Duke of York's Theatre, and *The Importance of Being Earnest* at the Aldwych in which Dame Maggie Smith plays Lady Bracknell.

Restored theatre basks in a new intimacy

BY OUR ARTS REPORTER

THE gathering of West End glitterati, grouped on the Prince Edward Theatre stage, were hushed into silence. The backstage lights went down and the curtain quivered. In seconds the auditorium, refurbished at a cost of £3.3 million, would be revealed. A climactic pause — and nothing happened.

Yesterday's grand unveiling of the 1,690 seat theatre, rebuilt and redecorated with funds from Lord Delfont and Cameron Mackintosh, the impresario, ran into a few technical hitches. But, once revealed, the new art-deco interior was spectacular. Plush crimson seats and 1930s coloured lighting panels create period-piece luxury.

The theatre once resounded to the music of *Evita*, *Chess* and *Anything Goes* and will celebrate its new era with Mr Mackintosh's production of *Crazy for You*, which opens in early March.

Nick Thompson, the architect, has added six boxes, lowered parts of the ceiling and enlarged the stage. The reconstruction, which adds intimacy to the theatre previously described as a barn, has taken four and a half months.

Defiant pensioners mount challenge to ageist establishment

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S over-60s are the most active, cultured and sociable in Europe. They do the most walking and DIY, read the most books, and are most frequently to be found in the pub enjoying a drink.

But although more than half say that ageing has given them a new lease of life, they say they have achieved it in defiance of an establishment determined to sideline them. Half of those who had retired said they would like to have continued working, and four out of five complained that employers discriminated against older people. More than half complained that older people did not appear enough on television or radio.

The results from the first Europe-wide survey of attitudes to ageing show that all older Europeans feel better about themselves than is popularly supposed. They resent being patronised by the young and do not want to be referred to as "the elderly" or, worst of all, as being "in their golden years". Most would prefer to be described as senior citizens.

However, the results have a gloomier side. Financial difficulties and loneliness are the main problems facing older people. In the UK, more than half regard their pensions as inadequate and say they have difficulty making ends meet. Among the over-75s financial problems are less often cited — possibly because of lower expectations — but loneliness increases. Overall, almost one in ten people over 60 in the UK say they frequently feel lonely.

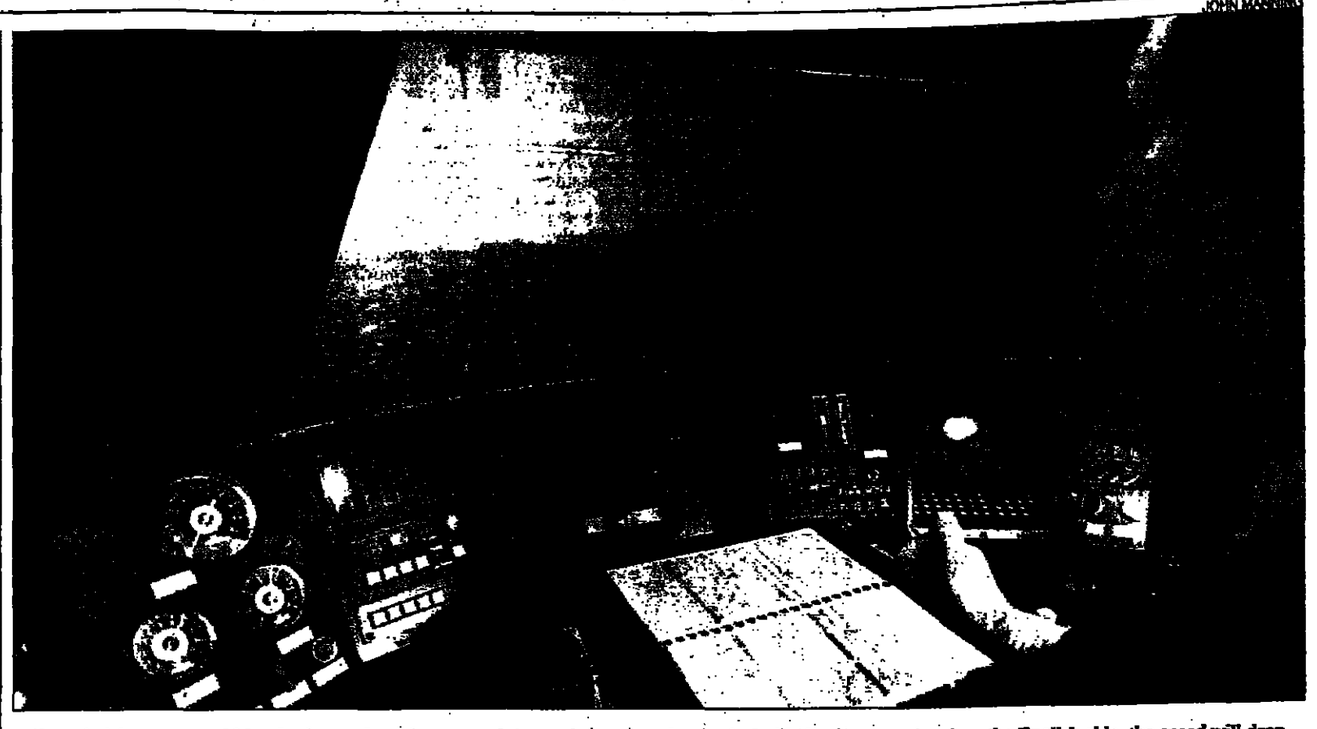
There is wide agreement across all European countries that people in their 50s should not have to give up their jobs for younger people, and a large majority are in favour of a flexible retirement age. In the UK, more than seven out of ten people of all ages say laws should be introduced to combat age discrimination in employment.

The findings are based on two surveys conducted last year in the 12 member states of the European Community. They were released yesterday to mark the launch of the European Year of Older People and Solidarity between Generations. The first, part of the annual Eurobarometer survey of public opinion, sought attitudes to ageing among 1,000 people of all ages in each country. The second was a sample of 400 people aged over 60 in each country.

The Danes are the most contented older people in Europe, with 68 per cent saying they are "very satisfied" with their lives, and the Portuguese the most miserable, with just 3 per cent declaring themselves very satisfied. Britain falls half way down the league, with 32 per cent of older people surveyed expressing satisfaction with their life.

The actress Sheila Hancock, who will be 60 next month, appeared at the launch of the survey to appeal for a change in the country's attitude to older people.

"It is such a shame that the highest compliment anyone can pay a woman is to say they look younger than their age. I have earned every one of these bloody wrinkles and I don't want to have to smother them with make-up."



JOHN MANNING

Tunnel vision: even at 186mph, the flat and featureless countryside of northern France can be soporific, which is why an alarm will sound occasionally in the cabs of the new trains that will next year take passengers from London to Paris in three hours (Tim Jones writes). Failure of drivers to respond to the alarm will tell controllers something is wrong.

The £30 million Eurostar trains will speed travellers from Waterloo to Brussels in just over three hours when they come into service some seven months after the Channel tunnel opens. Drivers are being taught how to operate the shark-like trains using a £1.7 million simulator, which was unveiled yesterday by European Passengers Services, the British Rail company that will operate the service from Waterloo.

Sitting in a full replica of a Eurostar cab at BR's Hollingdean driver training centre near Waterloo station, the drivers are familiarised with the bank of instruments and taught how to deal with the unexpected such as obstacles on the track or signalling failure. The British drivers, who will be required to speak French, will become the elite of British Rail, earning up to £24,000 a year for a 37-hour week.

They will have to learn the signalling regimes used in France and Belgium, mainly computerised cab systems. Eventually, when the link from the Channel to London is built, the whole system will be compatible. Until then, when the Eurostar is on the English side, the speed will drop to under 100mph. More than 30 trains will run in each direction daily.

When the new railway to King's Cross is built by the end of the century, Paris will by only 150 minutes away. The simulator suite has a classroom where, with television monitors, up to ten other drivers can observe a colleague's actions. On the French and Belgian lines the train will use overhead electric lines, changing to the electrified rail system when it reaches Kent.

Scientists outwit city pigeons

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS in Basle, Switzerland, believe they have solved a problem that has frustrated big cities for centuries: controlling wild pigeons.

Since they began their Pigeon Action programmes in 1988, the population has halved. Yet their secret has a banal simplicity. They have persuaded bird-lovers to stop feeding the creatures.

Pigeons are a plague in virtually every city in the world, Daniel Haag-Wackernagel, of the University of Basle, writes in the current issue of *Nature*. "They cause a variety of health and environmental problems and themselves suffer from poor, 'slum-like' living conditions."

While some people find them appealing, to others they are repulsive. They damage buildings, carry diseases, score direct hits on pedestrians and die horribly public deaths. The cost of clearing up after them runs into many thousands of pounds in big cities — in Trafalgar Square alone the bill for 1990 was £38,750.

Shooting them is ineffective and likely to cause an outcry. All it achieves is the rejuvenation of the flock, with no long-term effect on its size. Pigeons have been trapped, stupified with drugs, frightened by alarm calls from loudspeakers, or terrorised by releasing birds of prey. Nothing provides a permanent solution.

The Basle workers claim that the only way to cut the pigeon population is by reducing the carrying capacity of the ecosystem, the critical element being food supply. But simple prohibition of pigeon-feeding, tried in Basle in 1978, failed because of public protest and ignorance. In 1988, pamphlets, posters, radio and television were used to urge people to stop feeding them.

Over four years, the Basle pigeon population has fallen to about 10,000. The optimum population, Dr Haag-Wackernagel says, would be 5,000, "a goal we hope to reach in the next few years". Feeding pigeons has become taboo and "only a few incorrigible people continue".

£1m a year demanded for extra High Court judges

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of senior judges and legal officials is to ask for a big increase in the number of High Court judges at a cost of more than £1 million a year.

A draft report on their workload and deployment has confirmed that there is a severe shortage of High Court judges. It says that the total of 83 needs to be boosted by at least another 12.

The report, likely to be presented to the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice next week, will also confirm that the average number of sitting days a year for a judge is 189, or 27 weeks a year. That figure, which takes no account of the time spent studying or working out of court, is certain to be seized on by Treasury officials if, as the judges hope, the report forms the basis of a bid for extra funding.

Even taking into account working on non-sitting days, a High Court judge, whose annual salary is £87,620, works on average 40 weeks a year. A rise in the number of High Court judges would need amending legislation as there is a statutory limit of 85.

The judicial shortage, described recently by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, as approaching a "national scandal", means that about 60 per cent of cases in some parts of the High Court are being handled by deputies and circuit judges. One judge said: "Litigants are entitled to say they want their case dealt with by a proper full-time High Court judge."

Judges are sometimes accused of working only a five-hour day. But one judge pointed out that the time in court was only part of the job. "There is all the reading and paperwork."

The draft report has been produced by a committee of judges and officials set up under Lord Justice Kennedy.

Corruption claims answered

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ALLEGATIONS of corruption in the upper echelons of Scotland's legal system and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice by a "magic circle" of homosexual Scottish judges and lawyers are expected to be dismissed as untrue by an official enquiry due to be published today.

The report by William Nimmo Smith, a Scottish QC, and James Friel, the senior procurator fiscal for North Strathclyde, will bring to an official close an episode spanning several years which has bewildered, amused and concerned the Scottish legal establishment.

The report is expected to absolve the legal profession from blame but to criticise the police, the media and some legal figures. It is expected to highlight police prejudice against homosexuals, although a spokesman for the Crime Office said reports of the contents of the enquiry were "pure speculation".

Statements will be made in the House of Lords this afternoon by Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, the Lord Advocate, and in the Commons by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary.



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Virus linked to deaths worldwide

British volunteers to test first vaccine for preventing cancer

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE first vaccine designed to protect against cancer is expected to go on clinical trial in Britain soon. It could be the forerunner of a range of vaccines designed to prevent cancer.

Scientists at the Paterson Institute in Manchester have developed the vaccine against a common virus, the Epstein Barr virus (EBV), which is strongly linked to at least three cancers worldwide. If the trials prove successful, tens of thousands of lives might be saved.

The Cancer Research Campaign, which has supported the work, is close to announcing a second anti-cancer vaccine, developed by scientists in Edinburgh. Gordon McVie, scientific director of the charity, says that up to a fifth of all cancers are now believed to be caused at least in part by viruses, opening up the possibilities of a range of vaccines.

The vaccine developed at Manchester, in collaboration with researchers at Bristol and Birmingham, should also eliminate glandular fever, which is caused by EBV. Though not a life-threatening disease, glandular fever in adulthood can cause prolonged illness and exhaustion. About 90 per cent of the population is believed to carry the virus, but the great majority are infected in childhood without lasting effects. Of those who acquire the virus later, usually in early adulthood, about half suffer serious symptoms.

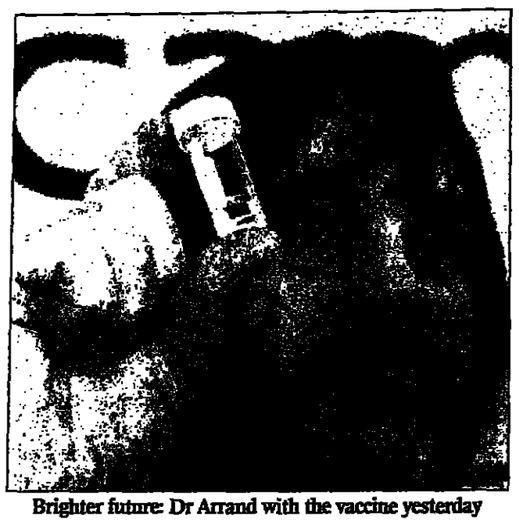
In Britain, EBV is also strongly linked to Hodgkin's Disease, a cancer of the lymph nodes affecting about 1,200 people every year. In a belt across the centre of Africa, it causes Burkitt's Lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system affecting mainly children. In southeast China, 50,000 people die every year from a cancer of the nasal cavity, which is also linked to EBV.

The new vaccine is based on a protein found on the membrane that surrounds the virus. This "envelope protein" can stimulate the body's immune response, so that when the individual is infected by the virus proper, the immune system recognises it and destroys it. Dr John Arrand and Dr Mike Mackett at Manchester have devised a way to produce the protein efficiently and safely using genetic engineering.

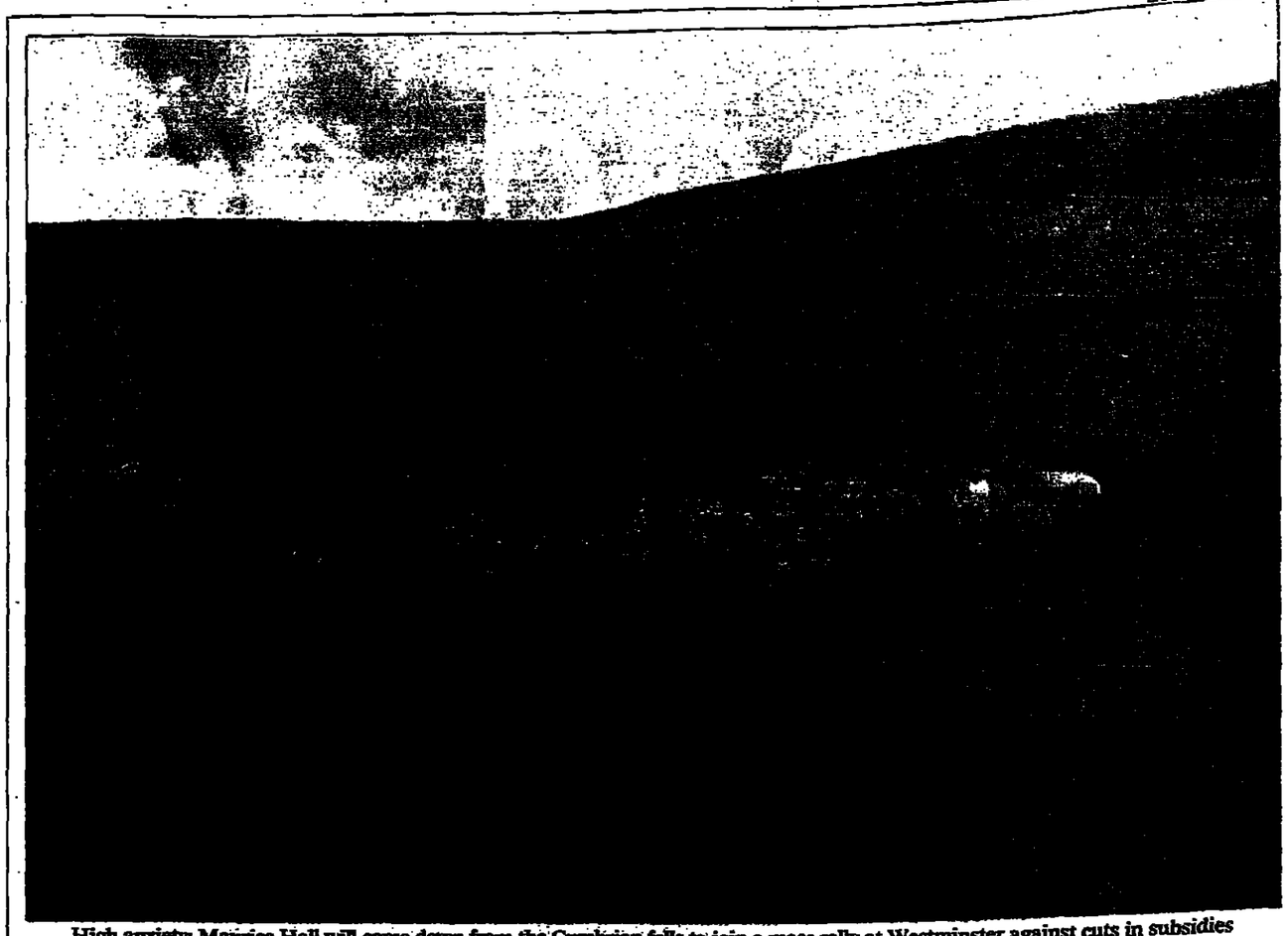
The first trials, to be carried out at the end of this year or early next, will test the vaccine's safety, using about 20 volunteers. A trial of its effectiveness, probably in university students, will follow. Volunteers will be tested to see if they already harbour the virus, and if not they will be injected with the vaccine. Follow-up checks will see if they remain uninfected, comparing them with an unvaccinated control group.

The real test of the vaccine's effectiveness will probably be conducted in Africa and China. Dr Arrand said: "Clearly, EBV is not the only cause of naso-pharyngeal cancer or it would be much more common than it is. Other factors, including diet and perhaps heredity, also play a part. But if we can eliminate infection by the virus, we should be able to eliminate the cancer, too."

Professor McVie believes that it will be ten years before the vaccine can be proven.



Brighter future: Dr Arrand with the vaccine yesterday



BARRY GREENWOOD

High anxiety: Maurice Hall will come down from the Cumbrian fells to join a mass rally at Westminster against cuts in subsidies

Hill farmers gather for Westminster lobby

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

MAURICE Hall will swap the Cumbrian uplands for the corridors of Westminster today when he joins 200 other hill farmers from across Britain in a lobby of Parliament. He is likely to find the wind blowing as coldly in London as on the fell where he tends 1,300 Swaledale sheep.

Feeling is running high over last month's decision by John Gummer, the agriculture minister, to shear some £20 million off special subsidies paid to 51,000 sheep farmers in "severely disadvantaged areas": the hills, mountains and moors that occupy much of Scotland, Wales and such regions as the Lake District in England. The subsidy, known as the Hill Livestock Compensatory Allowance, has been paid for almost half a century to offset the handicap of farming in rugged terrain unfit for growing crops. No previous government has dared cut the grant.

Farmers feel they have been dealt a low blow just when prices and incomes were starting to recover from the slump of the late 1980s. But Mr Gummer is unmoved. He calculates that better lamb prices and the recent devaluation of the pound, which has boosted the sterling value of EC subsidies, will add £80-£90 million to the hill farmers' income this year.

Mr Hall farms near Kaber in Cumbria. He has grazing rights on 2,000 acres of open fell, which rises to 1,950ft, and owns 190 acres of lower "inby" land on the valley floor enclosed by traditional dry-stone walls. Last year, he reckons his total income came to about £54,000. But when all costs had been met, he was left with no more than £2,000 to reinvest in the farm. He drew only £6,000 in living expenses for himself, his wife and two daughters. They run the farm without any hired labour.

The dispute with Mr Gummer has highlighted the extent to which hill farmers depend on subsidies. Last year, sales of fat lambs and breeding ewes made up only 35 per cent of Mr Hall's income. Sales of wool merely covered shearing costs.

All the rest of his income came from the hill allowance (now to be cut from £8.75 to £6.50 a ewe) and from the annual subsidy paid per ewe by the EC to all sheep farmers with a special supplement for those in the hills. Last year, this was worth just under £19 a ewe to Mr Hall but will go up by £4 this year because of devaluation.

"Either the subsidy continues or we stop farming up here. It is as simple as that," said Mr Hall. But is the taxpayer getting value for money? Hill allowances alone cost £130 million a year, not counting other subsidies. Mr Hall, like other sheep farmers, says the subsidy is a small price to pay for the upkeep of a unique landscape created by centuries of sheep grazing.

Rottweiler owner charged

A dog owner whose rottweiler was shot dead after it mauled a policeman was accused yesterday of ordering it to attack.

Tom Winstanley, 42, denied shouting "Kill 'em" as two officers arrived at a noisy wedding party in Leeds on Sunday. He appeared before the city's magistrates on five charges, including having a dangerous dog in a public place and setting it to attack.

PC Paul Rogers had his leg badly bitten before the dog was killed by a police marksman. Mr Winstanley, of Seacroft, Leeds, said he never intended the officer to be injured. He was remanded on bail until March 8.

Editor moves

Martin Dunn, editor of *Today*, is leaving after two years to take over as editor of the *Boston Herald* in March. Under Mr Dunn, 37, *Today* became Britain's fastest growing newspaper. A successor has yet to be chosen.

Final tribute

Nearly 200 roadsweepers and binmen were given the day off work to attend the funeral in Belfast of Sammy Rock, 30, a Protestant colleague who was murdered by the Irish National Liberation Army last Thursday.

Storm death

A man who drowned when his dinghy capsized during a storm in Portland Harbour, Dorset, on Sunday has been named as Ernest Wilcoxson, 76, from Stapleton, Bristol.

Victim slashed

A man aged 33 had emergency surgery in Grimsby to sew back flesh sliced from his face in an apparently motiveless attack by three youths aged about 16.

Royal shoot

About 750 pheasants are thought to have been killed during a five-hour shoot on the Sandringham estate by sixty people including the Duke of Edinburgh.

On the nose

Readers of *The Westmoreland Gazette* are competing for a £350 prize in a new version of Spot the Ball in which they try to pinpoint the nose of a sheepdog competing in trials.

Why the new penny fails to drop in vending machines

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE British penny appears to have suffered the final indignity. After being whittled away by inflation, the coins are now being bounced out of vending machines that mistake them for old metal washers or slugs.

The humiliation of the penny and the 2p piece is emerging as newly minted 1992 coins start to appear. Old pennies, which will be phased out, were made mainly from copper with some zinc and tin. The new versions, which are cheaper to make, are minted from steel and a skimming of copper.

It is the Royal Mint's choice of steel that is thought to be causing the rejections. Vending machine slots use magnets or electronic fields to decide, from the metal content, whether a coin is genuine.

Ian Johnson of Coin Controls in Oldham, Greater Manchester, which makes vending machines, said they were designed to eject metal washers, commonly used in place of coins. The machines judge whether to accept or reject coins based on their weight, size and diameter. To satisfy the banks, the Royal Mint has made the new coins slightly thicker, matching the weight of the old coins.

Martin Brown, from Sheffield, and the chairman of the Automatic Vending Association of Great Britain, said: "The machines are chucking the pennies out in the belief they are old washers." He said that when the Royal Mint announced it was introducing steel pennies it had said there "would be no problem".

"All the Royal Mint is thinking about is the cost of making the 1p and 2p piece. The vending industry complains but nobody listens," Mr Brown said.

The industry had urged the government not to introduce the new coins alongside the old ones, but the Royal Mint had said that doing so would cause no problems.

"The £25 million saving the government is making is at the cost of our industry's image. All the consumer knows is that the machines appear not to be working," he said.

A spokeswoman for Vendepac of Basingstoke, Hampshire, a company that installs vending machines, said yesterday that concern over useless pennies was being registered across the nation. "We cover the country and we have had a lot of calls. There are problems in all the regions," she said.

The Royal Mint said it had had no choice. The cost of making the old coins had outstripped their face value. It claimed that people were melting down the coins into ingots for resale.

The way it isn't



EVEN though I share the usual journalist's craving for seeing my name in print, I was surprised to find myself mentioned in *The Sunday Telegraph* at the weekend as an example of "an alarming socio-political trend among authors".

This trend dictates that Old Etonian authors are "no longer including their school on the dust-jackets of their books". My co-conspirators were named as Jonathan Aitken, Hugo Williams, Matt Ridley and David Profumo.

But why must the "outing" of closet Old Etonian authors stop there? I have books by OEs Ferdinand Mount, Nicholas Mosley, Colin Thubron and Michael Holroyd, all of which omit any reference to Eton, and, on the jacket of *White Mischief* James Fox only reveals, somewhat unspecifically, that he was "educated in England".

Among the more left-wing Old Etonians, Heathcote Williams, Jonathan Porritt, Derek Malcolm and Robin Cook have also all failed to make the great confession, perhaps believing that sales would plummet. Oddly enough, even my old schoolfriend Charles Moore, editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, somehow forgot to put "OE", on the brief blurb prefacing his own book *The Church in Crisis*.

Of course, some authors are "outed" posthumously. George Orwell's current Penguin blurbs all boast that he was an Old Etonian, though they soften the impact for the liberal reader by saying that "in 1917, he entered Eton", as if it were no more than a day-trip.

Personally, I prefer the famous comment by Sir Osbert Sitwell in his *Who's Who* entry: "Educ: during the holidays from Eton."

Ruined wall leaves island defenceless

BY RAY CLANCY

THE ancient Sheep Court of North Ronaldsay is preparing the most important action plan in its long history after the weekend storms severely damaged the stone dyke that encircles the Orkney island.

The 6ft high wall has been breached over two miles of its 12-mile circumference. Built hundreds of years ago to keep the native seaweed-eating sheep off cultivated land, the 70-strong community regards the damage as a disaster.

Billy Muir, who farms at Hooking on the island, is helping to co-ordinate the plan. He said: "The dyke is breached and the sheep can roam all over the island. If left, they will destroy the grass and crops. This threatens the viability of our mini economy."

The tiny island, the most northerly of the Orkney group, functions in a traditional manner. Its unique Sheep Court, whose members are elected by the townships on the island, controls everything to do with the management of the sheep. It has resisted modernisation, but the task of rebuilding the wall appears beyond traditional methods. Previous repairs have been small. Conservationists and volunteers have seen to its upkeep but the sheer amount of damage caused by winds gusting to 120mph is beyond them.

An appeal for funds and help has been issued. "The dyke also provides shelter for the animals, serves as a boundary for crofters and keeps some salt spray and seawater off the land," Mr Muir said. "We are writing to a number of funding bodies seeking support and stressing the urgency of the situation. Disaster is a much over-used word, but that is what this is for our island."

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Police sting uses jewel of an idea to catch young thieves in the act

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A successful undercover operation in a north London jewellery shop has paved the way for police to use American methods in their fight against soaring urban crime

STARDUST was the ideal jewellery shop for the aspiring young burglars and muggers of north London. From the day the shop opened in Tottenham, the two casually dressed partners proved remarkably helpful. They asked few questions and offered competitive prices for the loot from scores of crimes.

No one could ask for more from a "fence", but then Stardust was no ordinary shop. The jewellers were undercover policemen and every deal was recorded by a hidden camera and microphone in the first "sting" operation mounted by British police.

Now, as the last of the defendants await sentencing next month, Scotland Yard officers are studying reports on how fresh operations could be mounted. By the middle of February, 35 defendants will have been sentenced and jewellery, cameras and electric equipment worth £150,000 recovered. Sentences have included four-year jail terms.

Stardust was born in 1990 as officers considered how to tackle growing local crime among the council estates, streets of terraced houses and suburban homes in the corner of north London stretching across Edmonton, Enfield and Hornsey. A year-long investigation showed street robberies were mounting and action was needed to provide evidence which would stick in court. There was also growing concern at the way defence counsel attacked police evidence and regularly suggested to juries that officers were lying or had rigged evidence.

Street criminals and burglars are rarely detected in the act unless a great many resources are used to watch areas, but thieves are vulnerable at the point when they try to get rid of their loot. In the United States, the FBI, customs and other agencies have been using sting operations based on fake companies or criminal operations for years to catch money launderers, robbers and drug dealers. In Britain, the answer was Stardust, run through an investigation codenamed Herring.

According to Det Chief Supt Bill Peters, the senior CID officer in the area: "It was necessary to present a case where the evidence would be unchallengeable. We also wanted judges and juries to see exactly how villains behaved."

The Crown Prosecution Service was asked about the legality of the scheme and lawyers gave their blessing.

At the end of 1990, the Yard rented the shop for three months and kitted it out with stock worth £10,000. The two undercover men, who have never been identified, spent two weeks working in the legitimate jewellery trade and being trained. Video cameras and microphones were linked to a nearby observation post.

The two policemen were in business even before they took down the shutters. They were having a cup of coffee in a restaurant opposite the shop while it was being readied for opening and were approached and asked if they would be interested in buying some jewellery. The undercover men took up the offer and never looked back.

Protected by a team of 20 officers checking the recording equipment and their safety, the fake jewellers handled a steady stream of customers.

"On one occasion, they just came in after robbing an old lady and started bragging about it and were blasé about the whole thing," said Mr Peters. "Greed overcame any suspicion. We haggled over prices and knocked them down, but the criminals never walked out without selling the property."

No one suspected the policemen, who kept up a persuasive banter. The only risk to the shop came when police received intelligence that it might be robbed. Surveillance was stepped up but nothing happened.

At the end of three months, the police had 400 hours of video tape and the criminals had been identified by local officers from their files and records. Three hundred officers were drafted in for a series of dawn raids linked to 267 crimes. Many of the criminals collapsed at the sight of the video evidence, but five tried to challenge the operation on a legal point.

Defence lawyers argued that police should have acted and cautioned the criminals once they admitted offences during conversations in the shop. The law lords finally decided for the police, paving the way for further stings.

Justice court to fix value of employee pensions

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A TEST case opens today before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg that will determine the value of millions of employees' pensions and the future viability of hundreds of small companies who have to pay them.

The case, with two others before the court from Germany and The Netherlands, will determine to what extent companies must equalise the pension benefits of men and women. The hearing arises from a previous ruling by the court in May 1990 in a case called Barber v. the Guardian Royal Exchange. It was the Barber case which first paved the way for equal pension rights for men and women, stating that pension benefits amounted to pay, and men and women should have equal pension benefits under article 119 of the Treaty of Rome.

The court ruled that if women could retire at 60 on a full pension, so could men. Until then, it was assumed that a man would retire at 65 and if he retired early, his pension would be reduced. But the big doubt was exactly how pension schemes should comply with the ruling. Do pension schemes have to equalise pension benefits between men and women earned before the date of the Barber judgment, or only those earned afterwards?

Today's hearing, brought by Coloroll Pension Trustees, will ask the court on behalf of the pensions industry for clarification. The case, which is backed by the government, is of critical importance to the pensions industry: on one estimate, it could cost UK pensions schemes some £40 billion if the court rules that all pension benefits earned before the ruling must be equalised.

A second controversial question the court must decide is whether sex-based mortality tables reflecting men's and women's differing life expectancies are banned under the equality provisions of the Treaty of Rome. If so, then tax-free lump-sums, money purchase benefits and transfer values will all have to be calculated on a unisex basis.



Russell: "It is the question of principle"

Richard Russell is a former Coloroll employee who stands to lose several hundred pounds of pension benefit if the European Court now says that equalisation of pension benefit applies only from May 1990. Mr Russell, 39, who was assistant company secretary, said: "In my case the amount of money is not enormous. But it is the question of principle involved: the decision will affect others in the same position as myself with much longer periods of service, where the sums could run to several thousands."

The ruling is expected in June or July. The advocate general to the court will give his opinion in about two months.

McKennas, the City law firm acting for the Coloroll pension trustees, is seeking clarification to enable it to wind up some 17 pension schemes involving 10,000 Coloroll pensioners after the company went into receivership in June 1990.

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Commons deserves the right to scrutinise public appointments

Late on Friday afternoon, a Downing Street press notice said that the Queen had been pleased to approve that Edward Alan John George be appointed Governor of the Bank of England. That is the end of the story. Mr George and Rupert Pennant-Rea, the new deputy governor, will start their five-year terms on July 1. The same formula is used with other appointments to public bodies made in the name of the crown — an announcement as *fait accompli*.

Contrast that with what happened in Washington in the early hours of Friday. Zoe Baird, President Clinton's nominee for attorney general, withdrew her name



following a furious grilling by the Senate Judiciary committee. This was over her admission that she and her husband hired two undocumented aliens and had failed to file the required forms and pay employer taxes.

None of this could have happened in Britain. Details of an appointee's personal background might be known to the prime minister. But there is no obligation to disclose such personal checks to MPs, as there is to members of the relevant Senate committee in America. Information which later became known would have no impact in Britain since there is no scope for debate.

The American "advise and consent" procedure is open to abuse, as occurred during the bitterly controversial battle in October 1991 over the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court. The claims made by Anita Hill of alleged sexual abuse by Judge Thomas produced a series of humiliating public sessions.

This system cannot be transferred wholesale to Britain. But there are virtues in ensuring that the heads of major public bodies are not appointed without public debate. The decisions and views taken by Mr George and Mr Pennant-Rea over the next five years will have a big impact. They have both expressed support for greater operational independence for the Bank. This contrasts with Norman Lamont's emphasis on the Bank's subordination to the government, reiterated on Friday.

These views have been discussed by Mr George in media interviews since Friday. Robin Leigh-Pemberton and he had lunch with some MPs yesterday. However, there is no *requirement* for Mr George to be questioned publicly by the Treasury and Civil Service committee before he starts his appointment — even though he and Mr Pennant-Rea are likely to appear before the committee before July and to be asked about these matters.

This informal procedure is unsatisfactory. Certain top appointments to public bodies — at the level of governor or chairmen, their deputies, plus senior judges, and possibly also permanent secretaries and defence chiefs — could be made subject to parliamentary scrutiny and approval.

To prevent delays of the kind that occur in the American Senate, appointments would take effect within, say, 30 parliamentary sitting days and would only be subject to a Commons vote if either the official opposition or the relevant select committee tabled a motion triggering a short debate. This would allow study of a nominee's record — excluding irrelevant personal details — and views. Mr George and Mr Pennant-Rea would probably be overwhelmingly approved under this system.

None of the objections are convincing. The argument that some candidates would not seek such posts if they had to be subject to such scrutiny misses the point; by definition holders of such jobs are public figures whose views should matter. A more valid objection is that the committees currently include many MPs of indifferent quality — frontbenchers are excluded — who would abuse such enhanced role by treating each appointment in a partisan manner and by seeking to hog the television cameras. That is a real danger, though the Public Accounts committee shows that detached scrutiny is possible.

The idea that Parliament should be involved in the ratification of top appointments has been suggested by Gordon Brown and is being considered by Labour. But the Tories should not dismiss the proposal for *that* reason. If one party rule is to continue for some time, greater public examination of important appointments is a necessary check.

PETER RIDDELL

Pit rescue scheme

Major must choose between one costly subsidy and another

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ **Millions of pounds are certain to be spent saving many of the threatened pits. What remains to be decided is exactly how much over how long — and who will pay**

JOHN Major must weigh up the merits of two five-year, multimillion-pound rescue packages for Britain's coal industry to be handed to him at the end of the week.

The cabinet committee on coal, chaired by Lord Wakeham, this week looks likely to sanction a subsidy scheme costing about £500 million put forward by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, as the basis of next month's white paper on energy.

The Commons trade and industry committee met yesterday to try to finalise its report, which is on course to demand an injection of about £380 million over five years to lift the threat of closure from most of the 31 pits on the government's original list.

Although ministers and MPs in both committees are still arguing over the details, there now remains little doubt that the cabinet will approve some sort of financial deal to save at least half the threatened pits.

Mr Heseltine is understood to have won over some colleagues to the principle of extending extra help to the industry, but strictly on the grounds of ironing out short-term disadvantages for British Coal against other energy producers and to give the coal industry a breathing space to match world prices.

Conservative whips have warned the prime minister that, with a Commons majority of 21 and one defeat already in the Lords on the closures, some pits must be reprieved and others run down more slowly.

Tim Eggar, the energy minister and a member of Lord Wakeham's cabinet committee, confirmed yesterday that the deal likely to go to the full cabinet will involve extra financial help for the coal industry. He also indicated that the arguments within the committee revolve around who will pay.

Mr Eggar told BBC TV's breakfast news: "There are a number of options and we are examining all these options. If the result of the review is higher electricity prices than would otherwise be the case, that means higher prices for the rest of industry — and that means the rest of industry is less competitive."

Commenting on the likely timescale of any rescue package, Mr Eggar said: "It is clear from the experts' reports on Friday that if there is to be some kind of subsidy, however that subsidy is arranged, it is for a reasonable length of time to enable British Coal to become thoroughly competitive." That subsidy should not be something that stretched "indefinitely into the future". He suggested a period of three to five years.

Mr Heseltine is thought to favour the longer timescale. The cross-party industry committee also seems certain to recommend a package of subsidies or levies over five years.

Mr Major will study the papers from both committees over the weekend, after returning from India, with the issue likely to go to cabinet on February 4. The prime minister is also facing pressure to announce the long-awaited decision over the fate of Rosyth naval dockyard in Fife. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary and a Scottish MP, appears to have convinced colleagues that the loss of 14,000 jobs there would provoke the same outcry as over the pits debacle.

Mr Major has told Tory backbenchers that although Rosyth could continue for ten years with some naval work, the Trident submarine contracts should go to Devonport, Plymouth. Tom Clarke, the shadow Scottish secretary, said yesterday: "That option would go down like a lead balloon in Scotland, and it's difficult to see Malcolm Rifkind surviving."



Pointing the way: Michael Heseltine, thought to favour a five-year coal subsidy, launching a Business in Europe initiative yesterday

Lib Dems put up plan to save pits

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE coal market could be extended by 20 million tonnes over the next five years, saving most of the 31 pits threatened with closure in the short term, the Liberal Democrats said yesterday.

Launching the party's "alternative" white paper on energy, Simon Hughes, the environment spokesman, said the market was expected to drop to 40 million tonnes next year. It could be subsidised by switching half the £1.2 billion nuclear subsidy immediately to support coal and all of it by 1998. In the following ten years, the market for coal would be reduced gradually to 30 million tonnes.

The paper suggests immediately closing half the Magnox nuclear stations, many of which Mr Hughes claimed were being kept going artificially through subsidy. He said the costs of bringing forward the decommissioning of nuclear plants could be covered by the reduced subsidy. The paper sets a 20 per cent target of electricity generation from renewable sources over the next 15 years.

Jobs would be lost from the nuclear industry but these would be offset by creating 500,000 jobs in renewable energy fields and there would be no net loss. The extra 20 million tonnes could be found through closing off the power line from France (7 million tonnes), shutting half the Magnox reactors (5 million tonnes), substituting coal imports (3 million tonnes) and 5 million tonnes through other measures.

Mr Hughes suggested selling off pit-head stocks, estimated at 47 million tonnes, cheaply to prevent a permanent price distortion in the market, which would have to be written off by British Coal.

He insisted that no decision should be taken on coal until after contracts had been negotiated and the full costs of nuclear power were known. "Britain needs a coherent energy strategy not a political quick fix to push the coal miners' plight off the political agenda and appease Tory backbenchers," Mr Hughes said.

He said the party's environmental targets — a 30 per cent reduction in CO_2 in 15 years — could still be achieved by extending the coal market and reducing nuclear power.



Hughes: party proposes reducing nuclear power

AROUND THE LOBBY

Castle fire to cost less than £60m

The cost of restoring Windsor Castle will not be anything like as much as the £60 million quoted in the press, said Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, during Commons questions. Some £1.5 million has been spent clearing up and making the building safe after last November's fire, Mr Brooke said. A fund may be set up so that private as well as public money could be used for restoration.

Visits increase

More than 15 million visitors came to Britain in the first ten months of last year, Robert Key, the heritage minister, said in the Commons, up 8 per cent on the same period in 1991.

Paper due

A white paper will be published later this year with further proposals on access to information, said William Waldegrave, the citizen's charter minister in a written reply.

Advice sought

The government is "consulting urgently" about the legal aspects of pornographic television broadcasts from Europe, Peter Brooke said during question time.

Aid to India

The government is giving £90 million to India for three projects: £63 million for an electricity plant; £21 million to improve a hydro-electric plant; and £6 million towards technical education.

Driving ahead

Nearly two million driving tests were conducted last year, with a pass rate of about 50 per cent, according to the transport department.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Health; prime minister. Debate on an Opposition motion on the health service.
Lords (2.30): Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill, second reading.

Likely job losses overshadow benefits of national lottery

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE predicted financial benefits of the national lottery were overshadowed yesterday by heated argument over the likely consequences on employment of the government's fund-raising project.

Peter Brooke, the national heritage minister, came under persistent pressure from Labour and Tory MPs to disclose the likely effects on jobs within the football pools industry when the lottery begins next year.

A study commissioned by the government is reported to have concluded that 1,100 pools jobs could be lost as a result of the lottery. The government refuses to publish the independent report on the grounds that information was given on the basis of confidentiality.

MPs unsuccessfully sought assurances that the estimated 1,000 jobs created directly by the lottery would be located in the North West to offset the predicted job losses. The government has said consistently that it would be for the individual lottery operator to decide where to locate its headquarters.

Indicating that the government has become impatient with the pressure being exerted on MPs by the pools sector, Mr Brooke agreed to listen to the companies' "legitimate concerns", he said he was not yet convinced by their arguments.

Mr Brooke rejected claims that pools companies would not be competing "on a level playing field" against the lottery. "We are talking about adjacent playing fields for different games rather than the same field." He added that pools operators were in a strong position against any newcomer such as the lottery.

After extensive lobbying from the pools sector, however, the government does appear to have made minor concessions. The pools companies had objected to the lottery being given wide opportunities for selling tickets but Mr Brooke announced that tickets would not be sold in public houses or betting shops.

Mr Brooke made clear that the employment consequences went far beyond those jobs immediately created in running the lottery. With money being aimed directly at capital projects, there would be substantial benefits for the construction industry.



Clwyd: concern over job losses on Merseyside

The lottery has been predicted to have a £1.5 billion annual turnover, with some £350 million expected to be split equally between sport, the arts, heritage and charities, as well as the Millennium Fund, aimed at a nationwide celebration of the start of the third millennium.

Ann Clwyd, the shadow national heritage secretary, expressed concern about the effect a lottery would have on jobs in the pools industry, especially on Merseyside where Littlewoods and Vernons have their headquarters.

She said that taxation and administration costs should be no higher than 15 per cent of the money raised otherwise the lottery might be stifled.

Labour supported a lottery to raise money for the arts, sports and heritage, but said that government must address the question of jobs and the threat to small charities who feared a loss of income.

David Mellor, the former national heritage secretary, said the public would be buying a pig in the poke if the Treasury felt it could cut back its spending on sport and the arts because the lottery was providing money.

He pointed to the irony of Labour MPs arguing the case of the private enterprise pools companies while the Tories were arguing for a public enterprise. "It's a funny old world," he said.

Peers warn off TV producers

PEERS angered by a television programme about their parliamentary activities yesterday warned off producers planning to make further films about the House of Lords.

Lord Cocks (Lab) said he was relieved that a BBC project to make a six-part programme on the upper house appeared to have been dropped. Many peers were annoyed after a Channel 4 *Cutting Edge* documentary on "everyday life" in the Lords was broadcast last year. They felt it did not do justice to their work. During a brief debate on a select committe report on Lords' offices, peers voiced support as Lord Cocks said: "There should be no further talk about documentaries produced on this house."

Lord Ampthill, chairman of committees, said of the *Cutting Edge* programme: "We all wish to put behind us the unfortunate experience we endured." The Clerk of the Parliaments had written to the company's chief executive and elicited a reply that was "less than satisfactory".

Highlights of the *Cutting Edge* documentary included the introductions of Lord Howe of Aberavon and Lord Healey; the successful attempt by Earl Russell (Lib Dem) to defeat the government over an extra 10p a week for homeless people in bed and breakfast accommodation, and Lord Teviot (C) collecting his expenses.

Oil safety code prepared

BY TOM WALKER

EUROPEAN Community environment and transport ministers last night drew up maritime safety guidelines that could help to prevent oil spills in ecologically sensitive areas such as the Shetland Islands.

The ministers asked the European Commission to propose new laws on tanker safety that could be approved by EC governments before the summer. But far-reaching plans supported by the European parliament to ban tankers from large sectors of EC waters are likely to be blocked by Greece and northern member states with large shipping interests.

Ian Lang, secretary of state for Scotland, said that banning vessels carrying dangerous goods from the busy independent forecasters are shipping channel south of the Shetlands was a possibility that should be explored. But it was unrealistic of southern member states without large shipping interests to call for the total protection of their coastlines. Britain, Germany, Denmark, The Netherlands and Greece have all opposed the commission's more radical proposals on maritime safety.

Mr Lang said: "I think the northern European nations have thought it through rather better." A British spokesman said the government was "reserved about the Community waving a magic wand" over shipping rules and there would be practical problems for companies exporting dangerous goods if their transport were banned from EC waters.

Among the safety points into their Japanese equivalent. discussed by ministers were:

- A common language to be used in all intra-ship, ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore communications.
- A reduction of the "safety gap" between new and ageing vessels. Tankers much over 15 years old could be phased out.
- New rules that would give harbour authorities the right to re-route ships away from environmentally sensitive coastlines during bad weather.
- Mandatory pilotage for large vessels entering narrow shipping channels.

Greenpeace denounced the EC's efforts. John Bennett, its international oil campaigner, said that until member states resolved to phase out the use of oil the safety of the marine environment could not be guaranteed.

Peers apply pressure on asylum bill

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE government will today face a new tide of pressure to water down its proposals to restrict the right of appeal for immigrants and asylum seekers.

An exceptionally large number of peers have put down their names to speak in this afternoon's debate in the House of Lords on the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill, a more contentious version of a bill that has already provoked fierce opposition in the upper house.

Labour has vowed to push for the introduction of a detailed examination of current immigration procedures in an attempt to expose what it claims are inconsistencies in the regulations.

Before the last election, the government decided to drop its immigration and asylum bill after peers strongly objected to legislation that was accused of fuelling hostility towards immigrants.

Since then Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, has introduced a bill that takes away the right of appeal for visitors who are staying in Britain for less than six months, and for asylum seekers who are judged to have no valid reason for their application.

Among the list of peers expected to voice their concerns are Tory members Baroness Faithfull and Baroness Flather, who each argued forcibly against the original proposals.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey, the Labour home affairs spokesman who will lead the opposition to the bill this afternoon, is expected to capitalise on the wider powers of amendment available in the Lords to ensure more detailed inspection of immigration rules.

Peers are especially worried by the proposal to remove rights of appeal from those refused visas before they even reach the UK.

The government appeased protesting Tory MPs before Christmas by assuring them that all those refused entry into Britain would be given an explanation and could reapply. Peers this afternoon will be anxious to see how the promised protection is incorporated into the bill.

Another particular concern is the proposed restriction on duties of housing authorities to provide accommodation to asylum seekers, a move which opponents of the bill claim will leave hundreds of refugees homeless.

Another issue that is expected to provoke heated debate as the bill has its second reading in the Lords is a clause allowing fingerprinting of asylum applicants.

Peers on both sides of the House have expressed their concern that children will be fingerprinted and that the details will be kept on file for ten years.

The government has resisted calls for a minimum age of 16 or 18 for those who are subjected to fingerprinting, but has indicated that it is prepared to allow unaccompanied minors to be granted independent advice when being tested.

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Austerity plan to rebuild east puts Kohl in firing line

■ The chancellor has been ruthless in cutting down any putative rival. He has made it clear that he wants to stay on for a further term

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

AS OPPOSITION grows throughout Germany to the government's austerity package to finance the rebuilding of former East Germany, Helmut Kohl's leadership has come under attack from several top politicians in the chancellor's own Christian Democratic party.

Heinz Eggert, the CDU deputy chairman and a leading representative of the party in the east, called at the weekend for the separation of the office of chancellor and party chairman and said the party should begin thinking of a successor to Herr Kohl. His proposals were brushed aside brusquely by the embattled chancellor, who said they were not on the agenda.

Several other Christian Democrats in the east, however, have voiced disillusion with the chancellor and anger at the resistance in the west to the faltering "solidarity pact". Bernhard Vogel, prime minister of Thuringia, said the package would not do enough in the next two years to alleviate the huge debts of the new eastern states; Herr Eggert, Saxony's interior minister, said a proposed income tax surcharge should begin immediately and not wait until 1995.

The sharpest criticism has come from Kurt Biedenkopf, prime minister of Saxony, who accused the Bonn government of a lack of leadership. In remarks in a recent interview clearly directed at Herr Kohl, an old party rival, he said that politicians had still not understood that a unified nation was no longer the same animal as West Germany and that it must develop a new sense of identity.

Herr Kohl will meet Professor Biedenkopf today, with Oskar Lafontaine, a leading Social Democrat. He will find little support from either. Björn Engholm, the SPD leader, announced yesterday that he had broken off all negotiations with the chancellor on the solidarity pact after fruitless attempts to bring the two sides together.

The chances of getting the unions to accept drastic cuts proposed last week receded at the weekend after the public service and transport union hardened its demand for a 5 per cent wage rise and threatened to strike in reply to the government's offer of 2 per cent. If the government is seen to give in to this big union, however, it will be unable to impose wage restraint on others.

The chancellor also angered the opposition by calling for a reform of the social security system and criticising the increasing number of people under 30 applying for social benefits, whom he described as "drop-outs".

Although the chancellor's popularity has fallen to record low levels, there is little sign of any open rebellion in his party before the next general election, due next year. Herr Kohl has been ruthless in cutting down any putative rival and has made clear that he wants to stay on for a further term. He has few close political friends, however, and is said to rely on only two people: President Mitterrand and his senior adviser in the chancellery, Wolfgang Schäuble.

The latest polls point to a lack of confidence in the government: about 53 per cent of those questioned in east Germany and 39 per cent of those in the west do not know how they would vote and almost a third of the electorate may not vote at all next year.

☐ **Berlin:** Less than two weeks after releasing him to fly to Chile, a German court has said it might ask the former East German leader, Erich Honecker, to testify as a witness in the trial of others who built the Berlin Wall.

Three of Herr Honecker's contemporaries, including former defence minister Heinz Kessler, remain on trial for allegedly giving shoot-to-kill orders to guards on the Wall and inter-German border. Their lawyers have asked that he testify on how the former communist regime was run. If Herr Honecker, 80, agreed, the court could either ask him to return to Berlin or send a magistrate to Chile. *(AFP)*



Hostage horsewoman: Ulrika Bidegaard, 28, a member of Sweden's national equestrian team, who was freed yesterday in Brussels after being kidnapped and held blindfolded in a refrigerated goods container for five days. She was seized after her house in a Brussels suburb was broken into. Her family was contacted shortly afterwards by the kidnapper to discuss a ransom demand. Police broke into a flat in the city and freed the rider, who was unhurt but in shock. Last night Lars Nilsson, 30, unemployed, was helping police with their enquiries. He had previously done some flooring work at the Bidegaard home, police said. *(AP)*

Mafia boss wants his day in court

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

SALVATORE "Toto" Riina, the alleged head of the Sicilian Mafia arrested 11 days ago, missed his court debut yesterday because of a wrangle over his right to attend his trials.

The interior ministry has said that for security reasons it will be sufficient for him to participate in the trials by video link, but the "boss of bosses" is insisting on his right to attend. To avoid the risk of the trials being declared void on appeal, two court sessions scheduled for yesterday and today were postponed until next month.

The head of the Corleonese crime family had been due to begin a heavy schedule of court appearances at the Palermo assize court, where he is on trial on charges of having commissioned the 1989 murder of Vincenzo Puccio, a mobster hacked to death with a meat cleaver by his cellmates in Palermo's Ucciardone prison. Riini was to have appeared at a separate court hearing, where he is accused of being behind the murder in 1977 of Giuseppe Russo, a *carabinieri* colonel, but that too was postponed.

Another series of court appearances is due to begin on February 1. These concern a series of murders, with victims ranging from the relatives of Tommaso Buscetta and Salvatore Contorno, "supergrass" informers and members of the rival Badalamenti Mafia clans, to the assassination of two Sicilian politicians who had been involved in the campaign against the Mafia.

It remains to be seen whether the government decides to move the courts to Riina, rather than Riina to Palmero, where it will be more difficult to prevent him communicating with his followers and to guarantee his safety.

☐ **Suspect extradited:** Bahrrouz Mazhar Azari, an Iranian described as a key link in drug trafficking directed by the Sicilian Mafia, has been extradited by Turkey to Italy, officials said yesterday.

Mr Azari was sought in Italy on an international warrant charging him with criminal association and drug trafficking. He was reportedly serving a nine-year prison term in Turkey on drug charges. A Turkish newspaper said the Iranian was believed to have been a Middle East representative of the criminal organization headed by Riina. *(AP)*

Prague gets ready to shut border

Prague: Preparations have been made by Prague to close the new Czech-Slovak border to stop money being smuggled in, following heightened speculation that the currency union is about to break down (Gerard Davies writes). The Czech interior minister, Jan Ruml, said technical measures had been taken to seal off crossings for the duration of the changeover to two separate currencies, widely predicted to take place this weekend.

Mr Ruml said the moves were necessary to prevent speculative money transfers and that he had been promised the co-operation of the Czech defence ministry.

Tajiks attack

Moscow: Tajik government troops began a new offensive against Muslim rebels in an effort to crush the opposition before 2,500 peacekeeping troops arrive, it was reported here. Six former Soviet republics agreed last week to send in the troops. *(AP)*

Savimbi offer

Johannesburg: The leader of Angola's Unita rebels, Jonas Savimbi, said he was ready to hold peace talks with Angola's left-wing government. Dr Savimbi is leading his forces in a renewed civil war following elections which he condemned as fraudulent. *(AP)*

Civilians die

Kabul: Hospital officials reported that 800 people were wounded and 200 killed after hardline Islamic rebels fought government troops in the capital for the eighth day running. The Red Cross said the civilian toll was high. *(AP)*

Briton killed

Bangkok: Eric Noel, 67, was killed by his Thai mother-in-law after a quarrel, police said. Kanchana Ruangtorsak tried to blame two missing servants, before admitting that she had shot him because he always chased her from the house. *(AP)*

Bishop held

Caracas: A man armed with a bomb kidnapped an auxiliary bishop of Caracas, Monsignor Mario Moronta, and was holding him hostage at the archbishop's palace. *(AFP)*



Schluter: resigned over Tamil refugee enquiry

Rasmussen names his coalition cabinet

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

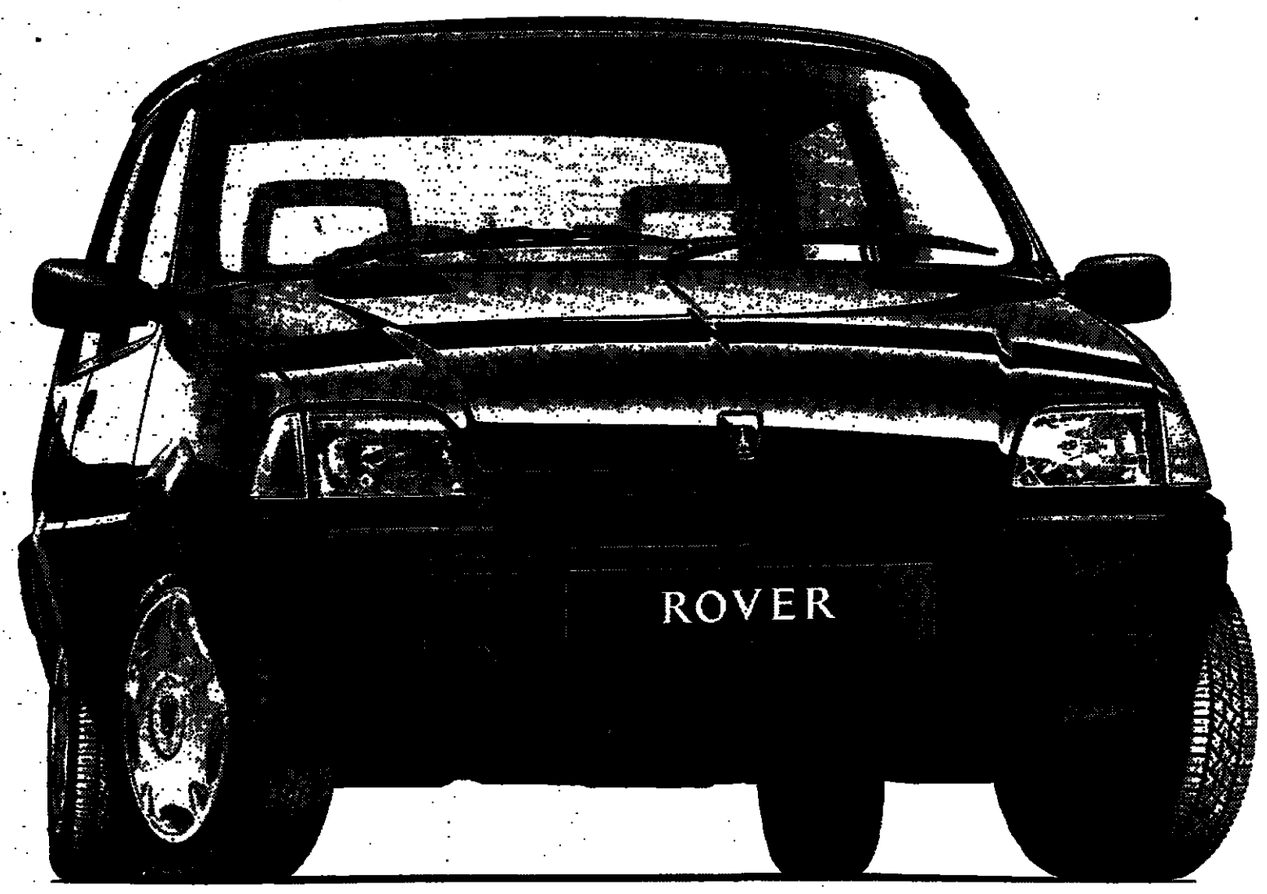
POUL Nyrup Rasmussen, the Social Democrat leader and Denmark's new prime minister, yesterday presented his coalition's 24-member cabinet to Queen Margrethe, ending ten days of political uncertainty in Denmark, which holds the European Community presidency.

Mr Rasmussen's four-party coalition commands a one-seat majority of 90 in the 179-seat Folketing. The other members of the Social Democrat-led government are small centrist parties: the Radical Liberals, Centre Democrats and Christian People's Party. The government's inauguration ends a decade of Conservative-Liberal rule under Poul Schluter, the Conservative prime minister who resigned this month after an enquiry into government curbs on Tamil refugees concluded that he misled parliament.

Mr Rasmussen, 49, appointed Mogens Lykketoft, 47, a close Social Democrat ideologue and former tax minister, as finance minister. Niels Helveg Petersen, 54, a former Radical Liberal leader and minister of economy and an expert in EC affairs, becomes foreign minister. He replaces Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, who will continue as leader of the Liberal Party in opposition as well as an MP.

The latest opinion poll, published in the Copenhagen daily newspaper *Politiken*, shows 63 per cent of Danes are likely to vote in favour of Denmark's new Maastricht deal at the referendum to be held in April or May, with only 37 per cent against.

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Belgrade leaders out of step over Croatia fighting

BY DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE



Dessa Trevisan reports from Belgrade on the tensions provoked by fighting in Croatia and on the Bosnian border

THE army of rump Yugoslavia was put in a heightened state of alert yesterday as fighting continued in Croatia and along the Serbian frontier with eastern Bosnia.

The order was given after an emergency meeting of Yugoslavia's military and political leaders; the fighting on both fronts was deemed to "threaten the security of Yugoslavia". With world attention focused on battles in Croatia, the fighting along the Drina valley in eastern Bosnia looked equally worrying from Belgrade. Clashes were reported yesterday between Bosnian Serbs and Muslim forces along a 60-mile front, just across the Drina River from Serbia. However, the Yugoslav Supreme Defence Council, which includes Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, and General Zivota Panic, the Yugoslav army's chief of staff, also said that peace talks in Geneva must continue.

Conflicting reports reached Belgrade yesterday as to the intensity of the fighting in Croatia and the Serbian capital was full of rumours, recriminations and threats. General Panic said that his men would come to the aid of the "imperilled Serb population" of Croatia, but Dobrica Cosic, the president of the rump state of Yugoslavia, called for restraint and made clear that he saw the Croatian attack as an opportunity for diplomatic advantage. He suggested that the Croatian land grab constituted a public relations coup for the Serbs after which they would no longer be seen by the world as the sole aggressors in the wars of former Yugoslavia.

President Cosic's approach cut no ice with Vojislav Seselj, the leader of Serbia's extreme nationalists, who hold about a third of the seats in the recently elected Serbian parliament. Mr Seselj yesterday called on the Yugoslav army to intervene in the Serb-held territories in Croatia, known as Krajina, and accused Mr Cosic of having "engineered" the fighting with President Tudjman of Croatia.

In Belgrade yesterday some observers suggested that President Cosic had made an under-the-table agreement with Dr Tudjman in Geneva, according to which Serbia would do nothing if Croatia retook strategic areas in Krajina, in exchange for Croatia acquiescing to the Serbs retaining the strategically vital "northern corridor" linking Serbia and the territories held by the Serbs in Croatia and northern Bosnia. It was also suggested here that the peace negotiators Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance had given the Croats the go-ahead to recapture territory in the so-called "pink zones", part of Krajina which the local Serb authorities have agreed, on paper, to return to Croat control.

The most striking reaction came yesterday from Mr Milosevic. At the opening session of the Serbian parliament, he made no reference to the Krajina fighting and talked of peace. This was interpreted as a signal that the Krajina Serbs could not expect the total support of Belgrade that they are demanding.

Without that support, the Krajina Serbs will be in military difficulties, since they only managed to secure the territory they hold with the full backing of the Yugoslav army. Returning irregulars will find their expertise in "ethnic cleansing" somewhat redundant. They will be facing Croatian tanks rather than the ragtag, underarmed forces of summer 1991. Volunteers were yesterday signing up in Belgrade to fight in Croatia, but many of those reporting to the Krajina office were Krajina Serbs responding to a mobilisation call rather than volunteers from Serbia itself.

Last year the Krajina Serbs were prevailed upon to accept the peace plan drawn up by Cyrus Vance on the understanding that the Yugoslav army would be on their border ready to return if needed. But things have changed. After the international recognition of Bosnia and the declaration that Yugoslavia now consisted solely of Serbia and Montenegro, the army withdrew from Bosnia. The nearest Yugoslav forces to Krajina are now in eastern Slavonia, far from the present conflict. It is hard to see how the Yugoslav army could return to the fray without inviting disastrous diplomatic consequences. Even if it decided to hit at Croatia in eastern Slavonia it would have to enter a United Nations peacekeeping zone and unless all-out fighting resumed, the diplomatic costs of this would be intolerably high.

There is alarm in Belgrade about the deteriorating Serbian military position in eastern Bosnia. Bosnian Muslim forces have pinned down significant numbers of Serb troops along the Drina valley. Serbian military sources claim that the Bosnians are trying to spread the war to Serbia. Serbia fears that Bosnia's Muslims want fighting to reach Sandzak, an area of southern Serbia with a slight Muslim majority, so as to make a link to Kosovo whose ethnic Albanian and Muslim majority has long demanded secession from Serbia.

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Boarding party: federal Yugoslav paratroops make for aircraft yesterday for a training jump near their base at Nis, 125 miles south of Belgrade

Battle for Maslenica bridge provides foretaste of grimmer days to come

The Croat struggle to make the coastal road passable again does not mean that a wider conflict is imminent, writes ***Roger Boyes***



THE ferocious mortar and gun battles raging around the Adriatic coast yesterday have released a year of accumulated Croatian frustration with the apparent inertia of the United Nations and have underlined how difficult it will be to rebuild relations between Serbs and Croats.

The battle for Maslenica bridge, which spread yesterday to include the capture of Zemunik airport, probably does not signal the outburst of a general Serb-Croat war, however. Such a war *is* on the horizon, but for various reasons it is unlikely to happen before the spring.

Nor, as Professor Zeljko Bujas, the Croatian ambassador to London, said yesterday, is there any important connection between the fighting in Croatia and the Geneva peace talks on Bosnia. As Professor Bujas tells it, the UN had given its approval for the rebuilding of the Maslenica bridge and had secured the go-ahead from Dobrica Cosic, president of the rump Yugoslavia, and Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president. Only the local Serbs objected and, according to Professor Bujas, "we thought we had enough international support to proceed nonetheless".

Security Council Resolution 762 stipulates that all Croatian territories outside the UN protection zones should be under Croatian authority. "At the Geneva conference, the co-chairmen Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance agreed that the UN Protection Force should facilitate or enable the rebuilding of the bridge," Professor Bujas said. The co-chairmen secured a similar promise when they visited the Serbian leadership in Belgrade this month and passed on the message to Zagreb.

That explains why Lord Owen has been reluctant to take the Russian line and make loud denunciations of the Croatian behaviour; he has condemned the use of force but shown considerable understanding for the Croatian position.

The aim of the Croat action is to make the Adriatic magistrale, the main coastal road, passable again. The road bends inland when it reaches the port of Zadar and then has to cross the Maslenica gorge. That is a political pressure point; Serb irregular troops from the "Republic of Krajina", with headquarters in Knin, are within sight and artillery range of the bridge which has been blown up several times.

"If you destroy that bridge," a senior Croatian official said, "you split Croatia into two bits, north and south. Imagine if someone blew up the Forth bridge linking England and Scotland: would you wait for the UN blue helmets to put things right?" Dalmatia and the Croat-controlled parts of Herzegovina can be supplied only by sea because of the Serb disruption of this road. Underpinning the conflict is the Croatian anger about UN ineffectiveness over the past year. The Vance plan for Croatia was supposed to stop the fighting, demilitarise the region, allow the Croats to rebuild their infrastructure and protect Serb minorities. Although Serb and Croatian heavy weaponry was drawn back and fighting did die down; the United Nations has never succeeded in disarming the Serb militias.

Croatia agreed to set up a police force that would reflect the ethnic mix of the local communities. But in practice the Serbs are running all those areas that they conquered by war. The UN contingent — particularly the Ukrainian — is heavily criticised in Croatia and has been accused of running the black market in petrol, salt and other scarce goods. Zagreb papers have published outraged articles showing UN soldiers playing football with Serb militia leaders.

That not only injures Croatian pride, it also makes the Croatian economy vulnerable. The country's main electricity power sources are either in the UN Protected Areas or in Bosnian war zones. Road and rail links that are supposed to be kept open by the UN are still under blockade. Sheltering hundreds of thousands of refugees is costing the Croatian government about £460 million a year. Yet the only important source of income is summer tourism, and that has been disrupted by Western fears of a new Serb-Croat war. The fight for Maslenica bridge was partly explained by Croatian spokesmen yesterday as a necessity if Western tourists were to be given access to the coast.

The Zagreb leadership has been threatening for some time that it would ask the UN Protection Force to leave Croatia when its mandate runs out in March. If that happens, a Serb-Croat war may indeed flare up. The black-shirted, ultra-nationalist HOS troops and the regular government forces have been training hard with the apparent aim of a spring offensive. They are far better armed than they were a year ago and recent visitors to Croatian barracks report that soldiers have been training with up-to-date weapons.

Neither the Serbs nor the Croats, however, seem to be at a full war standing at present. The winter snows make any attempt at blitzkrieg difficult. The Krajina Serbs are mobilising and President Cosic has threatened to deploy the Yugoslav federal army — in fact, Serb units. On the other hand, as a diplomat pointed out yesterday, the Serb army would have to move across two internationally recognised frontiers (Bosnia and Croatia) as well as UN-protected zones. It would be militarily difficult and would certainly make a nonsense of Belgrade's present political strategy, which is aimed at easing international pressure for military intervention and economic sanctions.

The Geneva peace talks, however, may be seriously handicapped unless the fighting in Croatia is contained quickly. The relatively easy victories by the Croats over the past few days has whetted their appetite for combat, or at least for a firmer stance in Geneva. The Croats were the first to sign up for the Owen-Vance plan. Now they may not be so sure.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, is under pressure from his domestic constituency to withdraw from Geneva at least until the Croatian dispute is put before the UN Security Council. To the Bosnian Serbs, the two unconnected issues — its parliament's qualified approval of the Geneva accord last week and the present Croatian action near Zadar — are linked in at least one respect: they demonstrate Dr Karadzic's lack of military expertise and planning.

General Radko Mladic, the Bosnian Serbs' army commander, will now be able to argue that agreement on a new constitutional map for Bosnia should take second place to a formal disengagement of all three armies active there. That would have the effect of restraining any Croatian or Bosnian Muslim military ambitions and freeze Serb territorial gains until a political settlement is reached. In short, the tension between Serbs and Croats is likely to increase whatever is said, or agreed, in Geneva.



Bosnian leader sets peace deal deadline

FROM AGENCE-FRANCE PRESS IN GENEVA

PRESIDENT Izetbegovic said yesterday that peace talks here on Bosnia-Herzegovina had made no headway and that he might withdraw if there was no progress in the coming days.

The Bosnian president told a news conference that the five-month-old talks had "betrayed" the principle of refusing to legitimise gains made by the "ethnic cleansing" campaign waged by Bosnian Serbs. "I don't see any progress," he said of the discussions to end the conflict embroiling Bosnian Serbs, Muslims and Croats.

"We are remaining at the negotiations as long as we see the conference may help calm the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and we can achieve the aims we are talking about," he said. "If we see the conference does not serve this purpose, we will withdraw," Mr Izetbegovic said. Pressed on his timeframe for such a move, he said: "In any case, we are speaking of days."

The president said the military situation was worsening and that Serbian tanks and troops were heading from Serbia and Montenegro towards the Bosnian town of Rudo, where Muslim troops had launched an offensive.

Fear's double-edged sword traps the bitter besiegers of Sarajevo

FROM TIM JUDAH IN VIDIKOVAC, NEAR SARAJEVO

THERE are no wild-eyed, bearded Serb fanatics in the Vidikovac position. High on Mount Trebevic overlooking Sarajevo there are just ordinary men: engineers, shopkeepers, waiters and farmers.

Under their guns, the Bosnian capital lies prostrate. The familiar towers, spires and minarets of the besieged city pierce the morning mist and artillery echoes across the live shooting gallery — but the Serb fighters on the mountain claim they are the ones who are defending themselves.

In the old days it took 12 minutes to reach Vidikovac from Sarajevo. People clambered into the cable car and oohed and aahed as they swung happily up the mountain for a day in the forest, or a meal with a view of the city below. Today Vidikovac is a network of log cabins-cum-bunkers, mortar positions and incongruous armchairs from which to keep an eye on the 300,000 people below.

Snug in their cosy log bunkers it is difficult to see these footsoldiers of the siege of Sarajevo as the perpetrators of one of the worst war crimes since Hitler. But these are ordinary men caught in a vicious cycle of war begun by their leaders. They have been led this far and now live in fear for their lives. They cannot go back and it is difficult to imagine the besieged showing them mercy. So whatever Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, may promise to the outside world, they say it is now too late to stop.

Mladen Cosic was a lorry driver in Sarajevo before the war. "We have no choice but to do this," he said, "because there are 45,000 Serbs down there." Asked whether they might be safer if other Serbs, such as himself, stopped shelling the city, he said: "If we lifted the siege, the Muslims would kill them and then they would come to our territory and annihilate us."

Zeljko Pandurevic worked in a factory in Sarajevo before the war. He said: "There can be no common life together



Karadzic: may not be able to keep pledge

anymore." He, however, added that after the war he would have to look for work again in Sarajevo because there was none in his nearby village. When it was pointed out that this was a contradiction, he said: "I don't know . . . peace is a long way off, anyway."

Bogdan Blagojevic was a waiter in Sarajevo's Hamam casino before the war. Using a pair of binoculars, he can see the roof of his house. "If I could I would burn it. I don't need it anymore. We'll never live together again." Under the Geneva plan, Sarajevo is to become an open city, with none of the three Bosnian factions having domination. "Free for some but not for others," said Mr Blagojevic, who sees no future there.

Commander Rade Skipina said: "We are not besieging Sarajevo but defending Serb territory. We have only taken the bits we consider Serb." But he admits that the siege of Sarajevo has been a catastrophe for the Serbs as they try to convince the world that they have a just case to argue. "It has been a double-edged sword. But if there had been no siege the war would have been worse. This way we have cut the Muslim lines between their cities."

Commander Skipina was an engineer before the war. "Maybe with these talks in Geneva there is a chance," he said optimistically. "If Sarajevo became an open city it would be good. Then we wouldn't have to keep these positions any more."

Weary Serbs consider a ceasefire as way to consolidate their gains

THE apparently successful Croatian push in Krajina came as no surprise to foreign military officers in the former Yugoslavia who say that Serb forces are running out of steam and eager for a respite from fighting.

However, the prospects for enforcing any accords at the Geneva conference on Bosnia will depend, they say, on the United Nations giving much more muscle to the international protection force (Unprofor) in the former Yugoslav republics.

From the embattled Muslim Bihac "pocket" in northwest Bosnia to Sarajevo to the south, UN and military officials agree that Serb forces are weary, thinly stretched and edging towards a ceasefire in order to consolidate their hold on the territory they have gained over the past year. The fact that the Serbs have continued to negotiate in Geneva despite the Croatian offensive in Krajina is a reflection of their need at least to buy time.

A 100-mile drive last week through the highlands of Krajina, the Serb-held region of Croatia bordering Bosnia, showed the Serbian forces to be on the defensive. At a meeting with UN and French officers in a Krajina mountain lodge, a senior Serb commander reacted with patent anxiety when the UN refused to move into the area to distribute relief, a step that would have given his forces some insurance against attack.



Charles Bremner reports on plummeting morale among Serb forces in their zone of Krajina

For weeks the Serbs of Krajina have been pursued by Croat special forces, local officers say. Under the command of a former French Foreign Legion sergeant, the Croats are conducting ferocious night strikes in retaliation for "ethnic cleansing". They are reported by the UN to be dynamiting Serb-owned houses and setting booby traps at night, often attached to front doors. Colonel Robert Bresse, the flamboyant French commander of relief operations in the Bihac enclave, says the Serbs are in poor spirits and far from the invincible fighters they think they are. "The only way to deal with them is strength. When they station ten men, I put in 20. When they put down one gun, I put three."

Whatever threats its leaders may be making, the Yugoslav army is too tied up protecting Serbian borders and deploying near Macedonia to be a worry in the northwestern Bihac and Krajina area, the colonel says. Enforcing peace, however, would require a new mandate from the UN to replace the framework of humanitarian relief in Bosnia. Colonel Bresse thinks the Muslims of Bihac are ready for peace and will accept being one of the Vance-Owen plan's ten autonomous provinces.

"Serbian morale is not what it was," says a British former paratroop officer who is one of two European Community observers in the city of Bihac, which has been savagely bombarded by the Serbs since last May. "It has turned into a nasty war of attrition. The Serbs have the weapons. The Muslims have almost no arms but a lot of people and very high morale." At Bihac hospital, which receives about 30 casualties daily from Serb shelling, Mensur Sabulic, the director, says he he does not believe in an internationally negotiated peace. "Bosnia must fight back," he says.

In Sarajevo, senior officers say Serb forces can be persuaded to stop fighting. "Right now, I think that there are many signs that peace is on the way," Colonel Marcel Valentin, the French deputy commander of the Sarajevo sector, says.

But the military agree it will require well-armed action by UN forces under a new mandate to cool the lust for revenge and renewed war.

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Clinton team fastens on energy tax as way to cut deficit



Bentsen: wealthy in line to pay more

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

PRESIDENT Clinton will almost certainly impose a new consumption tax to reduce America's huge budget deficit and the energy sector is the most likely target, Lloyd Bentsen, his treasury secretary, has disclosed.

Mr Clinton never supported such a tax during his campaign and indeed promised to cut middle-class taxes. But the need for more revenue to curb the soaring deficit has since become painfully apparent, and an energy tax would be directly in line with the president's new emphasis on the need for personal sacrifices to rebuild America's economy.

Such a tax would also be cheered abroad and by environmentalists. America has less than 5 per cent of the world's population but accounts for a quarter of global energy consumption.

Mr Bentsen said the new administration would be ready to present its economic plan to Congress by the middle of next month, and during a television interview gave the clearest indications yet of its possible shape.

Unpopular taxes would have to be levied and popular programmes cut. "Some tough choices will have to be made that haven't been made in the past," he said. "The public is ready for what it takes to get away from deficit financing, to get our economy moving again ... as long as they think those sacrifices are equally shared and the investment is in our future."

Some sort of consumption tax was "going to take place", he said. Mr Bentsen discounted the idea of a national sales tax, but enthusiastically listed the merits of a broad-based energy tax.

Such a levy would raise revenues, encourage energy conservation and cut America's $1 billion (£640 million) a week dependence on imported oil from "unstable political areas". Every other industrial power was doing more than America to encourage conservation by taxing energy, he said. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the chairman of the powerful Senate finance committee, said he, too, would support an energy tax.

Mr Bentsen signalled his opposition to taxing petrol alone, saying that would hurt some parts of America much more than others. But a broad-based tax on all forms of energy, including petrol, gas, coal, hydro-electricity and nuclear power, would spread the burden more evenly and arouse less opposition from influential lobbies. A 5 per cent tax on energy consumption would raise an estimated $18 billion a year.

The treasury secretary acknowledged that the upwardly revised deficit forecasts had made Mr Clinton's promised middle-class tax cut "much harder" to achieve, and that his much vaunted short-term economic stimulation package "will not be of the magnitude that was originally projected". Some short-term fiscal stimulus would still be required to ensure that there was no triple-dip recession, but experts now believe that any pump-priming package will be closer to $20 billion than the $60 billion originally envisaged.

As he signed an order creating a new National Economic Security Council yesterday, Mr Clinton cautioned that many options were being considered and no final decisions had yet been taken. But the president did not back away from the notion of a new consumption tax and praised Mr Bentsen for doing "a very good job on television".

Mr Bentsen confirmed that income taxes would rise for the wealthy. He said higher taxes on alcohol and tobacco were real possibilities, as well as the elimination of several corporate tax deductions. But he also insisted that increased revenues from taxation would be more than matched by cuts in federal spending.

Cuts in social security, Medicare and other entitlements were being considered. "You're going to see things done in non-discretionary spending, in additional cuts. You're going to see additional cuts in defence. Those things just have to happen," he declared.

Mr Clinton sees deficit reduction as an essential precondition of America's long-term economic recovery, and campaigned on a promise to half the deficit by 1997. But deficit forecasts have since been substantially increased to more than $300 billion a year for the foreseeable future.

One of the biggest problems President Clinton is grappling with is how to fulfil his twin pledges of extending health care to all Americans while simultaneously cutting the huge health care costs that now consume 14 per cent of America's GDP and is undermining its competitiveness.

His advisers have privately presented him with an analysis suggesting that this circle cannot be squared without substantially increasing the deficit, raising still more new taxes or imposing unpalatable controls on medical services. The analysis reportedly concluded that extending medical insurance to the 35 million Americans presently without it would add an additional $270 billion to the deficit over a five-year period, $120 billion of which could be offset by new price controls on health care providers. It also concluded that Mr Clinton's plan for "managed competition" to curb health care costs would have little impact for several years.

On the campaign trail Mr Clinton had suggested that his health reforms could save $700 billion by the end of the decade. Unhappy with the analysis, he has told his advisers to consider new options and has given his wife, Hillary, an overseeing role.

Police to be trained for society free of apartheid

■ A start has been made on reforming the police in South Africa. Gaining blacks' trust will be as big a task as ridding whites of the fear that has made suburbs into fortresses

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Africa's government is making a determined effort to transform its police force from a brutal and inefficient enforcer of apartheid into a modern, community-oriented team of crime fighters.

In a series of announcements about the future of the police, Hernus Kriel, the law and order minister, declared that command is to be decentralised, individual police will be retrained, an external body of ten regional "ombudsmen" has been created to whom members of the public may complain, and a system of "community-supported policing" is to be introduced within six months.

The focus will be on retraining the force, some of whom, Mr Kriel admitted, still regarded organisations like the African National Congress as the enemy. Advisers from Canada, Kenya and Britain are to examine training. At the same time, the job of transforming the police to a community force has been given to Andre Preiss, 39, the youngest police lieutenant general.

Within six months a pilot scheme of forums will be set up at a few stations, which will give community leaders the chance to influence police behaviour and actions. Experience from this scheme will lead to forums being set up at every police station.

It is clear that there is a long way to go before the South African Police becomes a trusted, impartial or even efficient crime fighting force, and it has a huge task. Figures for serious crime have soared. Armed robberies increased by 21 per cent. Murders were up 7 per cent. That total included 226 policemen. There was a 16 per cent increase in stock theft, a 7 per cent rise in rape, 6 per cent in serious assault and 7 per cent in fraud.

Major General Wouter Grové, head of special units, said that, although political crime made all the headlines, it represented only 0.72 per cent of total crime. Political killings represented 13 per cent of all murders.

None of these figures will surprise the inhabitants of the neat, leafy white suburbs of South Africa's principal cities, except perhaps the one that housebreaking has declined by 3 per cent. The suburbs have changed over the decades, as any returning exile will tell you. From tree-lined avenues with open lawns rolling down to the roadside, they have become an agglomeration of mini-fortresses.

Surburban houses today are largely hidden behind blank walls and usually defended with spikes, broken glass or razor-wire entanglements. There is generally a sign beside the gate saying that the premises are protected by a security firm which provides "armed response to electronic signal". The gate will be heavy steel, and will move only on a radio signal.

Behind this wall there are further defences. First there is the dog. Rottweilers are much in demand, as are Dobermans and Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

The house itself is defended by iron bars on all windows and doors. The insurance company demands it, declining to pay up if every opening is not so protected. Indoors, electronic eyes watch the main rooms and corridors and tremblers guard the windows. If the invisible beams are broken, blood-curdling alarms ring, and messages are transmitted to the security firm. Panic buttons are discreetly placed by the front door, in the main bedroom, in the kitchen. False alarms abound; the wind, cats and even geckos, set them off.

In the heart of the average suburban home is a last redoubt. The bedrooms are usually separated from the rest of the house by what is sinisterly called a "rape gate" that clangs shut at night.

Within this final stronghold is a safe, and inside the safe in many houses is a gun. The law permits the killing of intruders in defence of property.



Leap of faith: a US Marine jumps into the Indian Ocean off a coral reef close to Mogadishu airport, near the spot where the marines landed about six weeks ago for Operation Restore Hope, aimed at protecting famine relief operations in Somalia. Yesterday Belgian troops, part of the US-led task force, clashed with local militias as fighting erupted in Kismayu in the south. The Red Cross said at least 42 Somalis were injured. US military sources said there was a lot of fighting in the area. General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, one of Somalia's most powerful warlords, said he had asked the US military to disarm General Mohamed Said Hersi, known as General Morgan, the warlord son-in-law of former President Mohamed Siad Barre. He accused General Morgan of breaking a ceasefire agreed to by 14 warring factions by attacking his forces and weapons' depots near Kismayu. General Aidid's appeal appeared to be an attempt to extend Washington's commitment to humanitarian operations.

Iraq hands over list of nuclear suppliers to UN inspectors

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

IRAQ has finally submitted a list of most of the suppliers to its nuclear weapons programme, a key demand of the United Nations Security Council, a UN weapons expert said in Baghdad yesterday.

The conciliatory move was seen by Western diplomats as another Iraqi gesture towards the new US administration aimed at buying time and staving off further large-scale aerial attacks. Baghdad had previously ended disputes with the UN over the withdrawal of six police posts along the border with Kuwait and unconditional permission for UN planes to fly in and out of Iraq.

Maurizio Zifferero, deputy head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said Iraq had handed over what it said was a list of 90 per cent of the foreign suppliers and agreed to answer questions on the issue. "As usual, we will press them," said Mr Zifferero, referring to the remaining 10 per cent. He joined other UN experts yesterday for what could be a key test of compliance with Gulf war ceasefire resolutions.



Earlier, Baghdad denied US claims that it had breached its unilateral ceasefire three times since Bill Clinton became president and tried to play down alleged incidents inside the no-fly zones being enforced by the allies.

Western analysts believe that President Saddam Hussein, his economy in tatters as a result of UN sanctions, has chosen — for the moment, at least — to aim for dialogue with the US administration. *Al-Thawra*, the paper of his ruling Baath party, claimed yesterday that the ceasefire announced last week had already succeeded in "breaking the ranks of the 30-nation alliance regarding their stance towards Iraq".

The paper added, in what was seen as an explanation of Iraqi attempts to cool the harsh anti-American rhetoric that marked the end of the Bush era: "The American response to the gesture will not be a quick response, but it will take time ... for a new, reasonable, responsible American stance towards Iraq to ripen."

Mr Zifferero led a team of nuclear experts who arrived in Baghdad with another group of ballistic weapons inspectors yesterday. He and Nikita Smidovitch, another senior inspector, said they had been well received by Iraqi officials.

Many Arab diplomats believe that Saddam is now carefully distinguishing between Iraq's reaction to the UN terms and its response to the no-fly zones, which it argues are illegally imposed and not mandated by the UN.

Rodney King 'was victim of revenge'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A WEEK before the start of a new trial in the Rodney King assault case, a document has been released suggesting that the four accused police officers were punishing the black motorist for leading them on a high-speed car chase.

The acquittal of the four on most charges last April led to riots in which more than 50 people died. The new federal trial is taking place at Los Angeles federal district court amid heightened tensions and tight security.

The accused officers maintain that Mr King was "subdued" in accordance with police procedure because he acted in a threatening manner after a 100mph car chase. But the transcript of a radio conversation between two dispatchers obtained by the *Los Angeles Times* appears to indicate that the police were angry and out for revenge when Mr King was pulled over for speeding on March 3, 1991.

Unaware that the beating had been caught on videotape by an amateur cameraman, one of the four officers asked the police dispatcher for an ambulance after the incident. The dispatcher then called the fire department, saying: "He pissed us off, so I guess he needs an ambulance."

"Little attitude adjustment?" asked the other dispatcher. "Yeah, we had to chase him," replied the police dispatcher, adding with a laugh: "I think he kind of irritated us a little. They should know better than to run. They are going to pay a price when they do that."

Daryl Gates, the former Los Angeles police chief, has described the assault as an aberration, but legal observers say the transcript is indicative of the atmosphere in the Los Angeles Police Department at the time of the incident.

The officers appear again in court on February 3. The judge at the federal district court has ruled that proof of a racial motive would not be necessary for a conviction. The dispatchers have not been identified, but an internal police enquiry is under way.

Malawian tastes freedom

Harare: Vera Chirwa, an elderly Malawian academic freed at the weekend after serving 12 years of a life sentence for treason, was reunited with her family in the capital, Lilongwe (Jan Raath writes).

Her pardon by President Banda came months after the death in prison of her husband, Orton, 73. The couple, both London-educated barristers, fled from Malawi soon after independence in 1964 and helped establish opposition movements in exile. They were kidnapped and smuggled from Zambia in 1981 and sentenced to death for plotting against the government, a sentence later commuted to life. **Letters, page 17**

Talks collapse

Seoul: Talks between North and South Korea on establishing reciprocal inspections at nuclear plants collapsed as the North pressed on with demands that Seoul cancel annual war games with the United States, a Seoul spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

Strike called

Chittagong: This port city was gripped by a half-day strike called after a gunman fired on Shaikha Hasina Wazed, the Bangladesh opposition leader, at a weekend rally. About 50 Awami League members were injured at the rally. *(AFP)*

CIA attack

McLean, Virginia: A man armed with a hunting rifle opened fire at the CIA headquarters at Langley, killing two people and wounding at least three. The gunman escaped. *(AP)*

Bird in the bush

Wellington: A New Zealand search party is setting off in pursuit of a giant flightless bird thought to have been extinct for 500 years, the moa. Three trekkers claim to have seen one.

Hawaiian takes Japan's weightiest title of all

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

With a devastating 466lb charge and a swift upper cut to the chin of his diminutive opponent, the Hawaiian wrestler Akebono, 23, assured himself a place in Japan's history books on Sunday as the first foreigner to win sumo's highest and most jealously guarded rank of yokozuna grand champion.

For Akebono, his victory in the Tokyo tournament was the culmination of a gruelling five-year endurance test, living the spartan life of the Japanese sumo wrestler and being bludgeoned through the punishing daily routine that is the lot of the aspiring champion — a rigorous and unchanging routine of five-hour exercise bouts and 5,000-calorie blowouts.

Like all good, self-effacing scions of the sumo world, Akebono did not spray his sumo stable colleagues with champagne on hearing of his promotion. He allowed himself a cool smile as he succumbed quietly to the press of reporters and, deferring to his superiors where possible, mumbled answers to their feverish questions in the laconic grunts favoured by Japan's wrestling fraternity.

He said in one of his more expansive outbursts "I did my best. I will leave everything else to the others", thus displaying what is described as his "Japanese style of selflessness", a characteristic that has won him the highest accolade of all: his "almost Japanese nature".

Before being granted access to the yokozuna rank, Akebono had to be vested with "Japanese breeding and character", a requirement judged fitting for an indigenous sport with 2,000-year-old links to archaic Shinto traditions.

Akebono has been an excellent student. He speaks softly and in good Japanese, he seldom smiles or indeed expresses any emotion in the ring, and he appears to have adopted such laudable Confucian values as sincerity, diligence, thrift and mutual cooperation. Few of his Hawaiian friends would recognise him as the hot-tempered former basketball player known as Chuck Rowan, whose flaming row with his coach drove him to apprentice himself to the austere world of sumo five years ago.



The big time: Akebono basks in applause as he holds the Emperor's Cup after his Tokyo win

Generals to examine torture farm claims

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN JOHANNESBURG

CLAIMS that graves at a farm west of Johannesburg contain remains of detainees allegedly tortured, killed or buried alive by police are to be investigated by two South African police generals.

Their investigation was launched yesterday after *The Sowetan* newspaper published allegations by a former black policeman, Johnny Mokaleng, who took a reporter to the grave site near Rustenburg. In a sworn affidavit Mr Mokaleng said the detainees had died during an assault and torture session in a building on a farm called the "office of truth". Four more had died subsequently. "Two were wrapped in big plastic bags and the other two detainees were still wearing their blood-soaked clothes. One of the men was still breathing," he said. "They were thrown into separate holes and some policemen picked up shovels and filled the graves."

A police spokesman said: "The investigation is already under way and the site of the alleged graves will be examined some time today." This investigation falls short of demands by the African National Congress for an independent commission to investigate Mr Mokaleng's claims.

The Sowetan quoted Mr Mokaleng as claiming that he had been part of a team of policemen who in 1988 killed and tortured detainees, including a Pretoria activist, Stanza Bopape. This contradicts police assurances that Mr Bopape escaped.

The menace of Maastricht

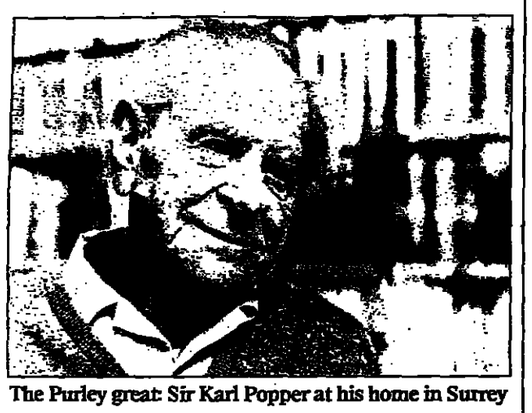
Karl Popper, eminent philosopher, distrusts European federalism

When I reached Purley station, I realised that I had not brought Sir Karl Popper's address. I tried out the name on a taxi driver. "Is he a professor-type?" "Yes." And away we went to Welcomes Road. It seems that people arrive from all over the world to pay homage to the great man, now aged 91.

Although Sir Karl was born in Austria he became a naturalised British citizen in 1945. As professor of logic and scientific method at the London School of Economics he became, both as teacher and writer, one of the greatest influences on 20th century political and philosophical thought.

I had requested a visit, as a trustee of the Jan Hus Foundation, a body which helped Czechoslovakian dissidents from 1981 onwards to form an underground university free from Marxist-Leninist education, and which continues to help Czech and Slovak academics.

The arrangements had been fraught with anxiety. Melita Mew, who runs Sir Karl's life, had asked me to postpone my original visit because he had a pain following a telephone conversation with a philosopher friend. They had been discussing the laws of probability but the talk had moved to the subject of crime on television. Sir Karl had become agitated at the dismissal of his view that televised crime directly influences society. For two days, he had neither eaten nor drunk.



The Purley great: Sir Karl Popper at his home in Surrey

Ms Mew sat us down, our eyes only a foot apart. "I think you have come to speak to me about freedom of thought in Slovakia."

"Yes," I said, "it centres round an ancient and much respected university, the university of Trnava, near Bratislava." He looked puzzled, then very politely told me that I must be mistaken, because his early life was spent in this area (Vienna being an hour's tram ride from Bratislava) and he had no recollection of any university. I told him that the university had moved to Budapest in 1777, and had been kept going in Trnava only as an educational institute until 1947, when it was closed by the communists. I added that the Slovaks were very proud that it had influenced scientific and cultural life throughout Europe.

Again Sir Karl looked very politely sceptical, so I brought out my sheet of paper, written by the rector, Dr Hajduk, which described Trnava's history: "The works of Sentivani, the astronomical observations of Maximillian Hell, Sajvonic's language pieces about Japan . . ."

Sir Karl knew of none of these scholars. "However," he said, "it is the present we are talking about, and if, as you say, an attempt is being made to create an independent university away from the communist mould, that must have our support."

He asked who in the west was helping Trnava University financially. In addition to the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Aberdeen, Boston and Leyden, in Holland, I told him, the Jan Hus Foundation and George Soros's Foundations were giving Trnava their attention. "George Soros was a pupil of mine at the LSE, but I did not teach him to speculate," Sir Karl joked.

I asked Sir Karl if he would say something about Trnava to give confirmation of his support. "What have other people done?" I produced a letter from the philosophers at Boston University. "Yes, I should like to sign this but there is one grammatical mistake and there is one word I should have liked to have changed — the words 'philosophy faculty'. I would have preferred 'philosophy department'." I offered to rewrite it, but he agreed to sign.

Once we moved on to other subjects, his main concern was Yugoslavia and how wrong it was to consider committing troops there. He advocated building up an airborne division poised for retaliation. He hardly ever wrote letters to *The Times*, but he had done so last year about Yugoslavia.

For the grand old man, a visitor becomes a vehicle for recalling the moments when history was made, for stating truths that might be lost. "Economists," he said, "have far too much influence. They are theorists, often too young and without practical experience. And furthermore, their subject is not testable — not since Adam Smith."

> 'There will be an explosion over a federal Europe'
>
> SIR KARL POPPER

I asked him what he thought of the Maastricht Treaty. He replied that he was appalled at the development of Europe without democratic and accountable structures. He thought the Treaty was a terrible document. He did not, however, favour a referendum as he did not believe the Treaty would be fairly presented to the people by the media once the campaigning had started.

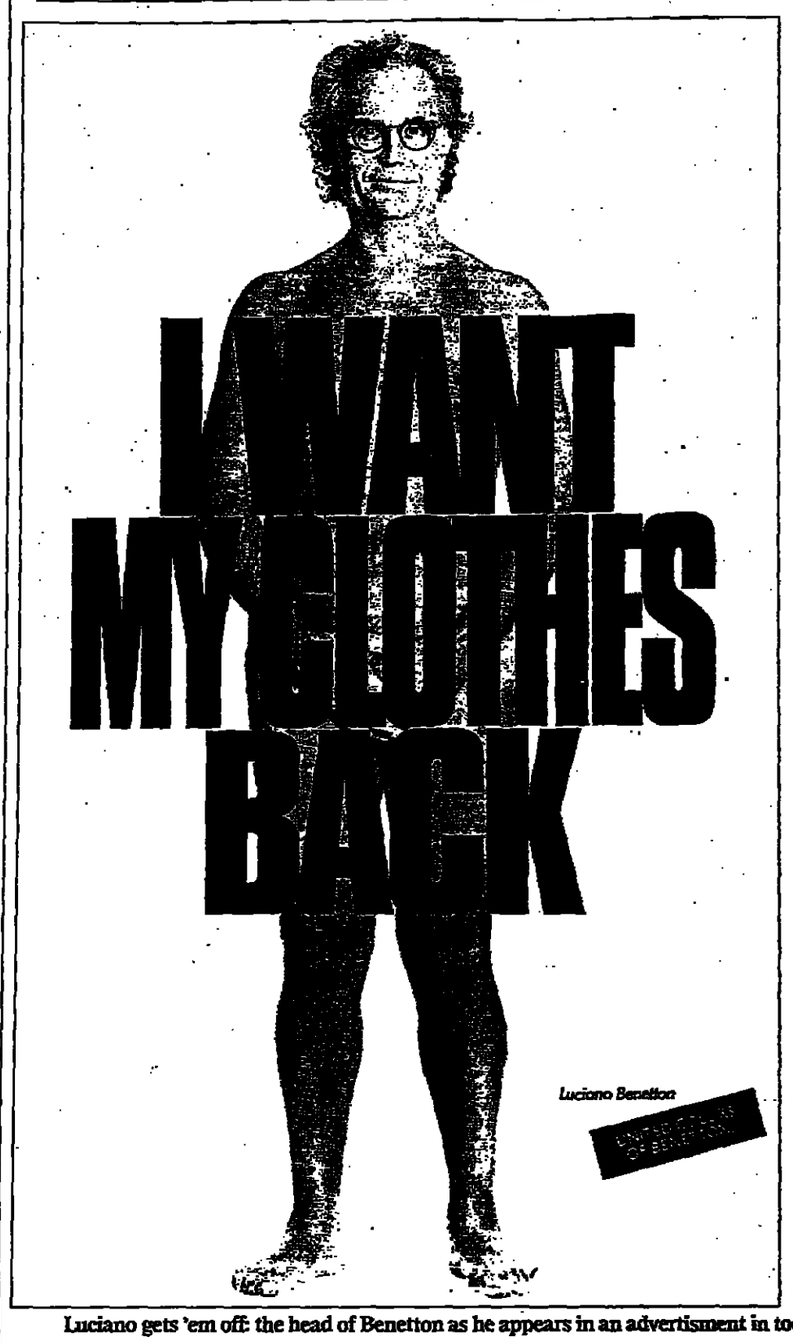
In spite of its dangers, he said, John Major, the prime minister, was in too difficult a position politically not to see the Treaty through Parliament. He added that he thought Mr Major a decent man. "But one day, without doubt, there will be an explosion over a federal Europe."

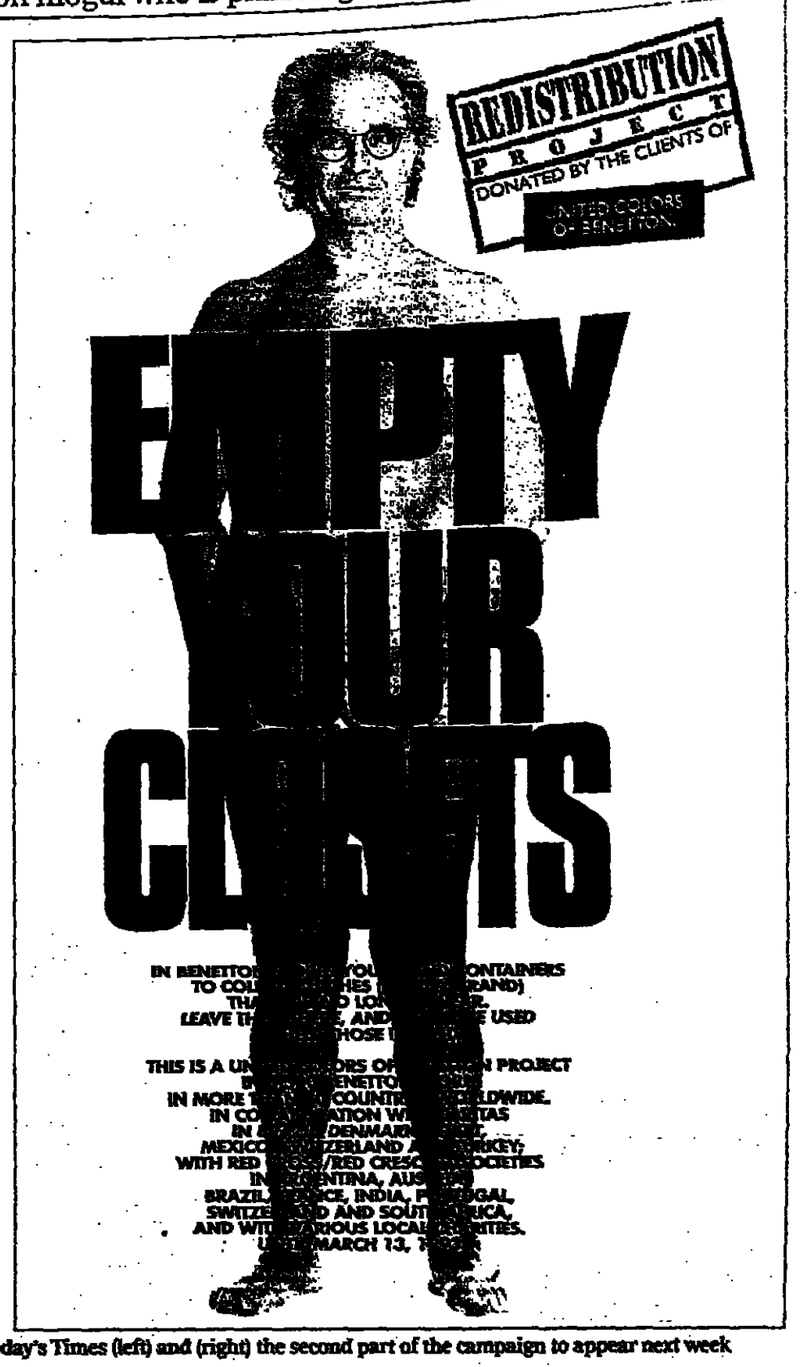
"When do you predict this?"

"I have written that it is stupid to predict, that it is not possible to predict. The possibilities are too great and varied."

JESSICA DOUGLAS HOME

Libby Purves attempts to get beneath the skin of a fashion mogul who is planning to clothe the world in cast offs





Luciano gets 'em off: the head of Benetton as he appears in an advertisment in today's Times (left) and (right) the second part of the campaign to appear next week

Benetton's full frontal assault

This is a nude 58-year-old industrialist. A happy nude industrialist, secure on the moral high ground. "It is only fair that I should expose myself personally, because I am a testimonial for the causes I promote. Personal vanity has nothing to do with this. After a certain age one does not expose one's nudity for vanity." He is also a senior elected politician of his country, and that is, OK too. "My nakedness is a metaphor for what every parliamentarian must do. Shed all bureaucratic, unclear and scarcely comprehensible habits which hide us from the electorate."

So limpid is this man's commitment to nude advertising that, he says, he did not even stipulate how large and black the typeface across his middle should be, and has not seen the picture. When it is used in full-page advertisements worldwide in 1,000 magazines and 150 daily papers, including this one, "I shall see it that day, alongside the readers of the world".

He is not, you may have realised, Lord King. Or Lord Sieff. Nor even Richard Branson or Sir Terence Conran. Gerald Ratner, more's the pity, never came up with this particular wheeze. You've guessed it: this man isn't British. This is Luciano Benetton, a senator of the Italian Republic and founder with his family of the company which is profitably famous for its eccentric policy of advertising easy-to-wear casual clothing with difficult-to-look at pictures.

Remember the laughing black children wrapped in stars and stripes and hammer-and-sickle (outrage in the United States)? Remember the priest and the nun kissing (outrage in Catholic countries)? The slimy, life-size, newborn baby complete with umbilical cord (bitter complaints in Britain and Ireland, where customers of cafes opposite Benetton billboards said they couldn't eat their bacon sandwiches)? The dying Aids patient whose family supported the campaign while the world's press reeled? Others you may have missed or forgotten: the mercenary brandishing a thighbone, the war cemetery, the giant condoms. Right now there is the seabird covered in oil (actually a native of the Gulf photographed during the war and recycled as a poster shortly after the Shetlands oil disaster), shortly to be displaced by the nude senator, whose message is to bring old clothes along to Benetton shops for recycling worldwide.

It would be tempting to suppose that Signor Benetton was amusing himself at our expense with the subtle message "I don't mind my bare tummy being used in a good commercial and charitable cause, so why should newborn babies or seagulls fuss?", but he denies this. "It is not an ironic comeback. It is the continuation of our campaign to draw attention to important social issues." If the chattering classes "choose to go in search of a scandal, as usual, it is up to them. We invite them once more not to shift the problem where the problem is not. The real scandal of the world is hunger, injustice, the little respect we have for nature and the hypocrisy that prevents us from facing our problems."

At this point it is necessary to go and lie down for a few moments and remind oneself that Luciano Benetton's vast organisation (7,000 shops in 100 countries, state-of-the art factories, global sales of $2 billion) is selling us sweaters. And leggings, jackets, all the rest of it. Saving the world is just a sideline.

But over the past ten years the Italian company has been in mysterious thrall to a quirky photographer called Oliviero Toscani, who has acted as "creative director", devised all its advertising, and even changed its official name to "United Colors of Benetton", as if it was a nation-state. He is responsible for kissing nuns, deathbeds, seabirds, umbilical cords and all the rest, and for the alarmingly hip magazine distributed in the shops in ten languages. Here you find not only striped jumpers but maps of the world's new nations "to paste in your tired old atlas", statistics about famine and drugs, articles about sushi, virtual reality sex and the cultural meaning of the condom; here are exhortations to love plankton as much as elephants ("We love elephants, so we give them affectionate nicknames. Jumbo, Ganesha, Babar. At right is a copepod . . . we need to fight for each species the way we fight for elephants. The first step is to assign nicknames. Lets call her Teensy, Coco, or Cipollina").

Note the multicultural chic, the cute-yet-tough environmentalism: it is a global hug. Ambitious companies have long realised that if you want a world consumer market you either pretend to go native in each country by artfully buying up its brand-names, or else you make a virtue of the difference and give the world a big, showy bear-hug (as in Coca-Cola's notorious desire to "teach the world to sing").

> 'His nakedness is a symbol of his courage and commitment'

Singor Toscani's latest inspiration — a massive clothes recycling project fronted by the nude Luciano — is part of the same obsession, with "themes of universal importance . . . photos which overcome human indifference". His hand is at work in every line of the company's material, blending high-technology capitalism with art and cuddles and caring in a seamless, glowing, seductive muddle.

So I rang him up. My conversation with Luciano Benetton himself was limited, since this particular global man speaks only Italian and we could only offer French or a bit of German. We exchanged thoughts ("Weren't you ever nervous of this man Toscani's weird ideas?" — "No, I firmly believe that good fortune will always be the result of creative choices") via the very global-virtual-reality-chic medium of me sending him faxes to read on a plane to Cuba, and his office ("a sort of palazzo within a spaceship", a visitor called it) in Ponzano Veneto ringing me back with his answers.

But Oliviero Toscani speaks English. He was just back from opening the new shop in Cuba at the weekend and professed to be free of jet-lag. "Cuba was great. Fidel is nice guy." Had he been surprised at Signor Benetton's agreement to the photograph? "No. He just said 'yes, when?' He has always understood how I want to do something new with advertising, not just the consumption, lying, and hypocrisy, but use it to talk about worldwide problems. You see, he owns the company. He can accept new visions. No company run by a manager would agree to what I ask, they would say 'Ha, we make research! We must know before if it will work'. That way they get something mediocre and never any surprises and joy."

Signor Toscani thought up the recycling campaign which the picture launches. Second-hand clothes have always been an awkward commodity in charities: nobody can forget the terrible rotting bundles which clogged up the airport at Managua after the Nicaraguan earthquake of the 1970s, and which eventually had to be buried by bulldozers as a health hazard. The labour of sorting and sizing is intense, and many modern clothes, are emphatically not of the well-built type which used to draw approval from volunteers as "having plenty of wear left in them". Frankly, the thought of 7,000 boutiques sending in sacks of customers' cast offs would make most organisations flinch (it certainly made the manageress of the tiny Colchester Benetton flinch when I reminded her of it).

The deal is that the shops collect old clothes of any brand, the company transports them and subsidises some of the vast cost of sorting them out, and the International Red Cross and Caritas (an international charity) redistribute them. The British Red Cross decided not to get involved, so all our old leggings and sweaters will be trundled down to Lucerne and sorted by Swiss workers.

In Geneva, Ralph Wright of the Red Cross was sanguine. "At the moment there is quite a need. In Yugoslavia the operation is the biggest in Europe since the second world war. We need everything. Yes, warm leggings, parkas, anoraks — there are teenagers in those refugee camps. In Africa and Pacific Asia we need a different type of thing, but honestly, when I was in Addis Ababa in 1984 I saw terrible stuff, and it was snapped up. Benetton has agreed to do some of the labour-intensive work of sorting. And remember they gave Swiss Fr70,000 for our work in Somalia. They really do try very hard to be what I call a responsible corporate sponsor." But, he says, "The distribution is not paid for by Benetton. The best donation is still your cash."

That is the trouble really, for the grumpy British cast of mind. We can't help knowing secretly that wallowing in the bath in politically correct glop does not actually save a rainforest a day, not as such; and that the genuinely green and altruistic thing to do would be to wear your old clothes till they fall to pieces and send the price of new ones straight to the Red Cross. As commercial messages go, however, this is a load of Ratners. Whereas Signor Toscani's message glows, as does his boss. "Luciano Benetton's nakedness is a symbol of his courage and commitment," he says reverently. "Our closets are too full of clothes, and some in the world have got nothing. We are using advertising as a new language beyond selling. The truth is, countries with new energy, like Spain and Mexico, they like us. Old, tired countries criticise."

Ouch. One more try. I objected to the newborn baby poster, I observed, because her privacy was invaded by being put on billboards looking slimy. "Pah!" cried Signor Toscani. "I was not surprised about England. You prefer the little dog to children, yes?" I protest. "All right. Little cat, perhaps?" And down the line comes a demonic roar of laughter.

FREE BANKNOTES

This week *The Times* joins forces with *The Sunday Times* to introduce you to notaphily, the fascinating hobby of collecting paper money.

In the last two years, 20 new eastern European nations have emerged and with them a host of new banknotes.

To mark this changing face of eastern Europe, *The Times* is giving away two free banknotes: an historic twenty-dinar note from the former republic of Yugoslavia and a fifty-dinar note from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In addition readers are invited to take advantage of *The Sunday Times* Second International Currency Collection. Save £1 off a special presentation wallet (pictured above), containing twelve banknotes from the former Eastern bloc countries and the USSR (normally £6.95), and receive a free sixteen page banknote album.



To obtain your two free banknotes, simply collect eight different tokens from those printed in *The Times* until Friday February 5. Token 2 appears here. Or, collect all ten tokens to receive these notes and a free Sunday Times International Currency Collection Album, and the opportunity to purchase the presentation wallet for only £5.95. Full details will appear next week.

Alarm over 'hidden' deaths from drug cocktails

One mentally ill patient a week could be killed by over prescribing

When Avril Dixon died, in November 1991, she was 22. Though she had suffered from depression since her early teens, she was a lively young woman, living in a therapeutic community on the Yorkshire moors.

After a home visit to Birkenhead, she became depressed and was prescribed the anti-depressant, imipramine. Shortly after this her mother, Rose, became worried by her daughter's manner — she seemed hyper-active and her words were slurred.

A GP then prescribed Avril sleeping pills and four or five days later her medication was changed by a psychiatrist from imipramine to droperadol, an anti-psychotic drug commonly prescribed for schizophrenia. Two days later, Avril fell dead at the feet of one of the members of staff. At the inquest, the GP was asked to read out the symptoms of imipramine poisoning; they were identical to the way he had described Avril's condition.

Avril's case is unusual, but not unique. The symptoms of drug poisoning were put down as symptoms of mental illness. No blood tests, which would have revealed the toxicity, was carried out, and she was given a mixture of drugs.

It is common psychiatric practice to prescribe a "cocktail" of drugs. A study in the *British Journal of Forensic Psychiatry* (1992) found that 40 per cent of mental patients in a Newcastle hospital were on three or more drugs. Malcolm Lader, a professor of psychopharmacology at the Institute of Psychiatry in London, said: "Sometimes patients are prescribed six, even ten drugs. It's horrifying."

Psychotropic drugs used for mental illnesses claim a large percentage of the NHS mental health budget. They are often the only form of treatment offered, and can be very effective. But they can affect vital functions such as breathing and heart rate, and a number of experts, including Professor Lader, are concerned that doctors are not aware enough of their dangers.

Elaine Murphy, a professor of psychiatry at Guy's Hospital, London, and vice chairman of the Mental Health Act Commission, has analysed 23 inquest reports into the deaths of psychiatric patients and found that eight of the deaths were strongly related to the drugs they were taking.

Professor Murphy believes that everyone in psychiatry knows these deaths happen, and that they are a frequent topic of conversation over coffee or lunch. But there is a tendency to sweep clinical disasters under the carpet.

It has been known for about 15 years that people can die from the effects of psychotropic drugs on their heart or their respiratory system. No research has been done into the numbers and no one knows who is most at risk.

A three-month trawl through coroners' reports, local press cuttings and information from pressure groups allowed researchers for Channel 4's *Dispatches* to identify at least 52 drug-related deaths since 1988. But Professor Lader believes that the true number of drug-related deaths is far higher. "I think it's as high as one a week," he says.

LINDSAY KNIGHT

● *The author is the co-producer and director of the* Dispatches *programme on drug-related deaths to be shown on Channel 4 at 9pm tomorrow.*

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independent forecasters are into their Japanese equivalent.

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Hey, let's *not* do lunch — **Heather Kirby** meets the man who helps executives resist the desire to eat unwisely

Keeping the fat cats under control

Michael Teff is very discreet. When he appears in an office to attend one of his executive clients, he carries an anonymous-looking blue flight bag wherein lurks the main tool of his trade. Even the client's secretary may not be aware what the appointment is for.

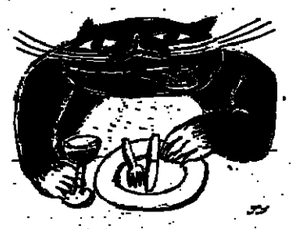
In the holdall is a weighing machine: for Mr Teff is a diet consultant who charges £300 for ten half-hour weekly sessions, telephone counselling included. Last week, it was reported that he has a class of 20 to 25 middle management executives, 80 per cent women and 20 per cent men, at Saatchi and Saatchi, the international advertising agency.

"I go every week to tell them how to eat," Mr Teff says. "No one is obese at Saatchi's and a number of women are at their correct weight, but they want to get on to a more healthy diet programme. Executive lunches and product launches makes people feel school is out so they can indulge. Many of them go without breakfast a lot, which means the body gets no food of any sort for 18 hours — all that is bad."

Mr Teff, tall, charming and thin, was born in England but went to Canada, where he was in publishing and hosted a television chat show. He was first a customer and then a lecturer at Weight Watchers. He is a great believer in the hearty, though not traditional, British breakfast: porridge followed by scrambled egg on toast (no butter) and fruit salad is one of his menus.

"The first thing I do is ask people to keep a diary for a week and they are invariably surprised by what they have eaten, but I'm not. I also ask them to fill in what they consider is a normal day's food and a normal weekend food plan, including alcohol. Then I work out a programme for them which has to take in their lifestyle, if they eat out frequently or are entertaining a lot at home. I try to offer them choices: if they know a hostess, they can ring up and say, 'I can't eat fat', but good manners come first."

It is probably because he is so accommodating with diet busters that Mr Teff's designer weight control is so popular. He has a string of corporate clients, mostly City brokerage firms whose employees suffer from the equivalent



of a beer belly, caused by champagne, but they are too coy to admit that they use his services. He also lists two MPs, one Conservative, one Liberal Democrat.

"One of my clients is the public relations director of one of the top hotels in London and she has five business lunches every week and five business dinners. A large part of her job is to promote the menu and the wine cellars, so if she stopped drinking for a week she would be out of a job. I have come up with a programme that will allow her to sample wines and make up for it in other ways."

He abhors the evangelical approach to healthy eating, prefering to get his clients to change their habits with gentle persuasion. "I never make clients get weighed in front of anyone else if they don't want to, it's not a public hanging. There is this 'Prince of Darkness' theme about what I do, because I have to weigh them every week and they think 'I'm paying this man to help me lose weight, I'd better listen to what he is saying'.

"Women are much more forthcoming about why they want to lose weight. Men come up with the vaguest of reasons like, 'I can't do up my trousers'.

"In all my years, I have only had one young man who admitted his wife didn't fancy him any more because he was fat.

"More men are overweight than women, but the majority consider that whatever size they are, they are God's gift. Once men start on a programme, they don't need much supervision, I talk to them on the phone once a month, as opposed to once a week for women."

Both sexes, Mr Teff says, kid themselves about glandular problems or their metabolism or they say it runs in the family, but he proves to them that these are just excuses. Most people take between three to six months to reach their target weight and he claims a success rate of 70 to 80 per cent, although there are recidivists.

"I'm a very low-key guru," Mr Teff says. " I don't have flip charts or videos, I don't lecture, I just chat to individuals."

Nor does he have any truck with guilt trips: lapses should not be used as an excuse to give up. "One of the mistakes people make is to starve themselves after a 'bad' day until they are ready to eat the flowers from the vase. I show them how to survive a binge, it's no big deal.

"I do try to convince everyone to give up chocolate for ever. For people who have stressful jobs, chocolate is worse than alcohol."

A twin peek at family fortunes

Jerome Burne reports on research which suggests that nature, rather than nurture, dictates the development of children

One of the marks of a model family is the mountain of toys and books designed to boost the children into the educational fast lane. But does encouragement make any difference or do children arrive with pre-programmed limits?

Acting as educational cheerleaders may not make much difference, according to Dr Sandra Scarr, of Virginia University and the president of the Society for Research in Child Development. She says that "identical twins who are separated at birth and brought up in quite different homes end up with very similar personalities and IQ".

Findings like that are reviving the old debate about nature versus nurture, but this time it has been given a new twist by researchers such as Dr Scarr who believe that rather than being the passive victims of our environment, we are driven by our genes to create our own environment.

> Peddling poetry rather than bikes will not change the way children turn out

Rationing television time or peddling poetry rather than mountain bikes will not change the way our children turn out. Within the past month, several researchers have reported findings that begin to build up a picture of just which bits of our character and behaviour are inherited and which more susceptible to change.

Identical twins, especially when they are separated at birth, are the key to teasing out the complex links between genes and behaviour. Because each one has the same genetic pattern, it is possible to see how quite different environments affect exactly the same set of genes.

Take, for example, intelligence. When identical twins are tested for intelligence, they get very similar scores but when their brothers and sisters in the same family are tested, on average they come out only half as similar. On a scale of nought to one, twins come out at about 0.75 and brothers and sisters at 0.4.

The same sort of tests and calculations can be done for almost anything from height and weight to being good at maths or interested in woodwork. When you get a high score for identical twins and a low score or zero for non-identical brothers and sisters, you have a feature strongly controlled by genes and therefore hard to change.

Dr David Lykken, a director of a large-scale study at Minnesota University of twins reared apart (see box below right), has developed the paradoxical-sounding theory of inherited characteristics that do not run in families.

The familiar picture is that because siblings share their parents' genes, they will share their qualities to a greater or lesser extent. But there are some abilities and interests that identical twins will both have very strongly but which other members of the family show no sign of at all, suggesting that they are strongly genetically controlled. "What we now believe," Dr Lykken says "is that many complex traits, such as leadership, artistic ability, selling ability, genius and even parenting, are genetically controlled.

"In the past the genetic element in these talents has been ignored because they don't run in families."

For example, Dr. Lykken's team has found that an interest in both gambling and blood sports was quite strongly influenced by environmental factors — identical twins in a family that had no interest in casinos or hunting were not much more likely to sneak off to put £5 on the 3.20 than their non-identical brothers and sisters. On the other hand, an interest in arts and crafts had a strong genetic basis.

Just in, but as yet unpublished, are results that suggest that authoritarian conservatives can no more help their views than the determined wood carver can give up the chisel. "The authoritarian personality is a very well-established type," Dr Lykken says. "We found identical twins had a very high correlation of 0.7 on it while brothers or sisters raised apart from their families had zero correlation."

What does all this mean for the bewildered parent? "It might make people more sensitive to the fact that their child may have abilities they haven't even dreamt of," Dr Lykken says.

"It should also make parents more relaxed. In the long night of the environmentalists, the idea that every child had the same potential meant that every parent was a failure if their child didn't turn out a success."

This message is echoed by Dr Jim Stevenson, of the behavioural science unit at the Institute of Child Health in London. At a conference last month he reported that social behaviour — being outgoing and interested in other people — seems to be strongly genetic, while anti-social behaviour — lying, cheating and bullying — are much more influenced by family life. So it is largely a waste of time pressurising children to socialise, but it is well worth encouraging them always to be truthful.

Dr Stevenson believes he has uncovered similar guidelines for other aspects of child rearing. "Hyperactivity and poor concentration span are strongly genetic," he says. "On the other hand, reading has bits that are easy to change and bits that aren't. Linking letters with sound is much more genetically controlled than recognising words as units, so concentrate on one and not the other."

What happens, Dr Scarr and others believe, is that children's genes drive them to create their own personal environment. Right from birth brothers and sisters bring out different responses from people; unattractive or shy ones — both strongly genetic traits — will be treated differently from attractive, outgoing ones.

"It seems that it is the unique things that happen to children — having a serious illness, getting on really well or very badly with one teacher — that can have more impact on their development than the regularities of home life. This is especially true of social development," Dr Stevenson says.

None of the gene believers are saying that environment does not matter. "Parents can make a great difference to a child's sense of ambition or self-esteem," Dr Scarr says.

"But the evidence from identical twins raised in different families, and the fact that children raised in adoptive families from birth show no correlation of intelligence of personality with other members of the family, tell parents they really should not worry if they go to the ball game or the museum with their children".

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Double trouble? 'Identical twins who are separated at birth and brought up in quite different homes end up with very similar personalities and IQ'

IDENTICAL IN EVERY WAY

DR DAVID LYKKEN, a director of the Minnesota University study of twins reared apart, has reported several examples of cases where genes seem to be controlling not just broad tendencies, such as being intelligent or outgoing, but surprisingly detailed aspects of personal behaviour.

■ Around the age of 11 one pair of identical twins who had been separated at birth began to develop "serious mental disorders — they were over-emotional and their thinking became confused. As it happened the same psychotherapist was treating both of them. He admitted that he could come up with a convincing explanation for the problems of each of them in terms of their adopted families — strong mother, successful brother — but the trouble was that the two families were quite different from each other while the twins' symptoms were identical."

■ For some years now the Minnesota study has been finding that twins separated at birth and reunited only in middle age shared such curiously specific things as: being brilliant storytellers, refusing to express controversial opinions, being habitual gigglers, and always wearing seven rings. There was even a pair who always entered the sea backwards and then only to their knees.

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Law to back the osteopath

OSTEOPATHY, for decades regarded with suspicion by conventional medical practitioners, is a step nearer achieving a professional body with similar regulations to those governing doctors and dentists. The Osteopaths Bill had to be abandoned because of the general election but it was reintroduced by Malcolm Moss MP, who steered it through Parliament for its second reading last week.

When the Bill finally becomes law next year, an overall governing body will be established to replace the five separate organisations that exist now and it will set statutory regulations for the registration, training and professional standards of osteopaths. It will also guarantee that all practitioners are covered by professional indemnity insurance.

Graham Mason, chairman of the Osteopathic Information Service, said: "This is the most important piece of medical legislation since 1922, when dentists were regulated by statute. It will mean patients and GPs who refer them have the security of knowing the osteopath is competent to practise. It also ensures that osteopaths abide by a code of ethics enforceable by law."

☐ The number of osteopaths has trebled in the last ten years and there is nothing to stop anyone setting themselves up as a practitioner now. At present there are five bodies, the Guild of Osteopaths, the College of Osteopaths, Natural Therapeutic and Osteopathic Society and Register, British and European Osteopathic Association and the General Council and Register of Osteopaths; it is very confusing.

From the public's point of view, if they are unsure, they should get in touch with the Osteopathic Information Service who will give them the names of qualified osteopaths in their area.

☐ Chiropractitioners, physiotherapists and osteopaths run in parallel. Chiropractors, who are more common in the United States, tend to use more direct thrust and more X-rays for looking at alignment to make a diagnosis. Osteopaths use gentler techniques, relying on their sense of touch, and use X-rays for the same reasons doctors do, to check on the underlying pathology of wear and tear. Physiotherapists are more closely aligned to the orthodox medical profession, working to a doctor's brief. They use more machinery as adjuncts to their work and do more rehabilitation work. Neither chiropractors nor physiotherapists are governed by statute.

☐ Osteopathy is a system of diagnosis and treatment concerned with the structural and mechanical problems of the body. It involves the use of firm massage to remove pain from muscles and ligaments and the manipulation of joints, a process which sometimes produces alarming noises — like bones cracking — as they are eased back into proper working order.

☐ There are 2,000 osteopaths practising in the United Kingdom, treating 100,000 patients a week, half for back pain. Treatment is also given for tension headaches, neck and shoulder pain and joint strain in shoulders, wrists, elbows, knees, ankles and feet.

☐ Women can ask for an osteopath to be with them in the delivery room, if their obstetrician agrees, but generally speaking the osteopath will have treated their patient before she reaches this stage. During labour an osteopath will work on the back, pelvis and diaphragm to relieve pain and help with breathing. Cost of treatment varies but a half an hour session is generally between £15 and £25.

☐ Osteopathy came to Britain at the turn of the century and according to a *Which?* report, by the mid-1980s it had become the most widely used complementary therapy. In the same report 82 per cent of patients said their back pain was cured or improved by treatment.

☐ There are ten typical situations which the Osteopathic Information Service says are the most common cause of backache: cradling the telephone while doing something else is the main one, closely followed by carrying a heavy load in one hand. Sitting with your legs crossed, in a draught, or still for too long are also likely to cause problems but simple exercises like flexing your toes and tightening then releasing your calf muscles should help.

Executive chairs often offer less support than the standard secretarial chair and twisting from telephone to word processor can strain the back. Lifting heavy objects, leaning backwards to put things on a high shelf and not having a chair matching the height of your desk are all potential hazards.

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Lynne Truss



We are creating a myth that makes serial killers feel proud of their crimes

There is one thing that always puzzled me about the character Hannibal Lecter in *The Silence of the Lambs*. Given that he was a dangerous maniacal nose-biter (Hannibal the Cannibal) who was obliged to wear an elaborate face-muzzle in public, why oh why did nobody at the *Hospital for the Criminally Insane* think to take his teeth out? It's a point, you have to agree. Knock him out, yank the lot with a big pair of pliers, and Bob's your uncle. You can see him now, "our Mr Lecter", drinking cup-soup through a straw, dribbling down his boiler-suit like a baby. It's perfect. Without his gnashers he's nobody.

But strangely, whenever I raise this objection with fans of the book or movie, they demonstrate in various unignorable ways that they don't wish to hear it. The point is that this towering force for evil, this Grand Guignol werewolf monster must not be *deflated by my sensible trip to the dentist*. Lecter is the doyen of serial killers. And serial killers strike such fear into us these days that it is almost essential to imagine them rendered supernatural by their madness.

I mention all this because tonight's *Viewpoint 93* programme on ITV may (or *may not, depending on the court case*) include footage of an interview with the real-live serial killer Dennis Nilsen, who has recently started giving Lecter-style assistance to criminal psychologists. Personally, I hope he does not appear, because I am suspicious of the whole thing. Last year, again in direct *homage to Lecter*, Nilsen contributed to *Vanity Fair* a long "psychological profile" of his Detroit counterpart, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer. He performs these services, one suspects, not because he has special insights, but because he is an egomaniac whom people are stupid enough to ask. But also, he *must surely recognise that this* dark-world-of-the-killer's-mind stuff is all part of the myth-making which keeps him special.

Evidently *The Silence of the Lambs* was a real shot in the arm for psychological profiling; it is now a sexy subject. When BBC1's *Crimewatch File* was launched last year, *profiling was its very first item*. But something seems to be overlooked in all this sexiness. It is that profiling is all about morbid interest and surely provides laughably little help in the catching of criminals.

"What have you got for me, doc?" A detective bustles in and takes a chair.

"Al. Hi. I think I'm on to something."

"Great!" The detective rubs his hands.

"OK, it's this. I think our unknown buddy-boy is resentful of male authority figures, and *maybe steals pencils from the office*."

The detective writes this down with a stub of pencil. "Is that it?" he says.

"Listen, Al. I'm already sticking my neck out here."

"Swell. Er, thanks, doc. I'll tell the boys. We'll get on to it right away."

When passed on to the public, moreover, such vague pronouncements serve no purpose other than to spread alarm. "Guess what!" we hear. "There is a loner on the loose! It could be anyone!" Take the case of the Hampshire horse-mutilator who is suddenly in the news. He (or she) leaves no clues. Detectives are baffled. So a psychologist is consulted, and when he gives his opinion that, basically, the *criminal must be mad and obsessed with* horses, everyone not only listens with the utmost respect, but also feels a lot more worried. (Police, meanwhile, smack their foreheads. "We've been blind!" they shout. Up to now, they have been looking for someone who hates cats.)

No doubt tonight's programme will put me straight. The precise science of psychological profiling will be shown to come up with names, addresses, birthmarks, car registrations. But I will still uphold that announcing in public, "Police are looking for someone mad and clever, who might live next door and you'd never know it," only adds to our sense of helplessness, while fuelling the myth-machine which makes serial killers feel good about themselves. As Joan Smith pointed out in her book *Misogynies*, this is precisely what happened in the case of Peter Sutcliffe. Once labelled the Yorkshire Ripper, he became a phantom in a mist. Whereas in plain fact he was a lorry driver who killed women. His only advantage in eluding capture was that everyone was looking for a monster.



"Back! Thomas, back!" said his Driver... More snow fell and piled up round him.

Flying into the ground

Will Lord King and Colin Marshall really shake off all blame for the tailspin at BA over the dirty tricks campaign?

Bernard Levin

Having said my say on the British Airways scandal the other day, I had no intention of returning to the subject, but the stench emanating from BA headquarters is now so relentless that I have found myself unable to sleep, and therefore decided that I might as well get up and go to my desk.

The stench is made up of several sub-stenches, including self-exculpation, blame-shifting, cowardice, knavery, crocodile tears and a miasma in which anything can be lost and no doubt much has been. But the purpose of all these stench-contributing items is to ensure that Lord King of Wartsandall can retire gracefully from the chairmanship of BA *and hand over to Sir Colin Marshall* without some scoffer like me reminding everybody of the old legal joke in which the lucky-to-be-acquitted defendant is told by the judge that he can leave the courtroom without any stain on his character, other than the ones he had on it when he came in.

Are they — King and Marshall — really going to get away with it, "it" being the necessity for them to resign? *Do they really shrug off all responsibility*, though their very positions demand the highest level of it? Well, they called in their own solicitors, which showed that they meant business, and these legal eagles left no stone unturned in their search for the guilty parties. For instance, I have learned that they asked Lord King whether he knew about the "*dirty tricks*", *and he said "Of course not,"* adding "What a damned silly question." They then asked Sir Colin, and he replied "What a damned silly question, of course not." Now you and I would think that that was absolutely conclusive, but such was the diligence of *the interrogation that it was not left* there; they demanded that Lord King should himself ask Sir Colin the pointed question, and — thank Heaven — Sir Colin's scutcheon remained unsullied, for the answer was a ringing "Never!"

Then everything turned on the last question. Sir Colin marched in on Lord King, threw back his shoulders and said in a voice with not a quiver in it, "Lord King — nobody in his right mind would believe that you presided over the 'dirty tricks' but did you or did you not *know* about them?" The silence in the room was electric, as Lord King rose to his great height: "No, Sir Colin," he cried. "I did not!" Several of the bystanders burst into tears, and even I was sick on the carpet from relief.

Have I done enough of this? I hope so, *because this stinking business is no joke*. Take the interrogation, for instance; my parody turns out to be practically nothing but the plain truth, for we now learn that the solicitors involved asked every member of the BA board of directors whether they knew about the "dirty tricks", and every one — every single one! — denied any such behaviour. *And there is more matter that* sounds like me having fun, yet is unadorned actuality; for instance Marshall — Marshall! — has been laying down ethical principles, upon which BA must now carry out its work. Marshall — Marshall! — has promulgated the code under the heading "Standards We Expect", and it includes rules for challenging *staff members who are* thought to be indulging in improper actions. Marshall — Marshall! — insists that what are called "wildcat" methods of getting business for BA must cease, and says that staff must "ensure comparisons *drawn with competitors and working* partners are based on fact and not innuendo."

Well, now.

Who instigated? Who knew? Who denied? Who covered up? These are the four crucial questions that must be answered, if British Airways is not to fly forever trailing a miasma of corruption behind it. So far, they show no inclination to answer any of the questions, let alone all four, and they seem to believe that if they just sit tight the storm will blow itself out. Could there be a greater misapprehension?

From the beginning of the explosion (and after all, BA had *known for months* that they were sitting on the ticking bomb) they have failed entirely to take the measure of the disaster they have brought upon themselves. Through all the revelations and their aftermath, one note has been heard consistently; almost all comment upon it has sounded the same theme — never mind the mendacity, just put your handkerchiefs to your noses to avoid the stink of complacence.

They really do seem to think that the four vital questions can be answered by murmuring about "a relatively small number of uncomected incidents which involved a very small number of BA staff ... you have to recognise the size and spread of the company with 50,000 employees spread over many areas ..."

That is verbatim from Marshall — *Marshall! — and so is this, though many* of my readers, despite my reiterated assurance that I have stopped mocking and am quoting, will believe that I am still in jest:

"We will decide on what disciplinary action to take in a less emotional environment. The staff involved have families and careers, which must be taken into consideration. We will deliberate further on the future of certain people ... We never expected this onslaught from the press, but I still think the decision was right. Once we discovered certain activities being carried out by staff we, advised by our lawyers, realised a prolonged court battle in the public eye would not be the right action ... Our own inquiry found no basis for the allegations, but during the discovery process we did find there was some substance to them ..."

For those who are unfamiliar with legal terms, I must explain that in the process of "discovery", litigants can be forced to hand over relevant documents; no wonder it was felt that this was the moment to give in!

Are they all mad, up there in the boardroom? Do they think that those mysterious figures who face "disciplinary action", and who "have families and careers" and about whom "we will deliberate further" are going to go quietly? Do not King and Marshall — Marshall! — yet understand that any BA employee accused as a doer of dirty tricks who is sacked or demoted or even criticised *must a fortiori know* where the bodies are buried?

And it may be a very shallow grave, for as the *Independent on Sunday* reports:

"Further evidence has also emerged to link senior BA executives with the attack on Virgin. A former BA employee has said in an affidavit that the 'setting up of a unit to look at ways of undermining or discrediting Richard Branson was a policy decision which must have originated at the *higest level within BA*', and that the shredding of documents relating to the dirty tricks 'was not just limited to my department but happened across the whole company'."

But ignore all of that; accept that King and Marshall believe everything they have been saying; give them the benefit of the doubt in every contested matter; take seriously the investigation by the solicitors who staggered out bowed *down by the weight of clean sheets*; go that far and further, then try to conjure up the picture that BA want us to see.

Here is Fred Bong, filing-clerk; over there is Jack Ping, window-cleaner; on a kitchen chair sits Bill Gung, in charge of postage; leaning on the grandfather clock is Tom Wung, guardian of the stationery cupboard; the clatter of high heels *announces the arrival of* Jane Klang, tea-lady. The conspirators are all met, and they can get on with the next instalment of Dirty Tricks, Branson for the ruin of.

Yes? Likely, is it? These underlings who face "disciplinary action", and whose "families and careers" *await the stern* figures who "will deliberate further" — *they did what they did entirely* unprompted, did they? They had no instructions, least of all from higher up, no pat on the shoulder in a corridor, no gentle whistle accompanied by the flicker of an eyelid, no tongue ostentatiously in cheek? Yet they rolled up their *sleeves and get to work to do down* Branson with an array of dirty weapons which by an astonishing coincidence had been found, no one knew how, in the basement lavatory. And that, or something even more ridiculous, is what we, the public, are to believe.

Well, we won't. I do not believe that there is anyone in the land who, having *followed the dramatic events*, believes BA's story. Until we hear something that we *can* believe, until the BA "Code of conduct" is more than a dirty joke, there is only one remedy. Even if King and Marshall knew nothing whatever about the "dirty tricks" (and that says much *about the operational grip they had on* their company) they must heed Lady Macbeth's words: "Stand not upon the order of your going, but go at once."

A fond farewell to the Raj

Woodrow Wyatt on our proud legacy of freedom in India

If I live a few more years I could be the last to have seen the viceroy's house and the British Raj in its full *splendour*. I was personal assistant to Sir Stafford Cripps, the driving force of the 1946 cabinet mission. As an MP, by protocol, I was entitled to a one-gun salute on visiting an Indian princely state, though I never asked for or got one. Today, John Major is guest of honour at anniversary celebrations of India becoming a republic in 1950, yet with a nice touch of Indo-British eccentricity, acknowledging the Queen as head of the Commonwealth. August 15, 1947 was the day when India "won" its independence, as quaintly averred by BBC commentators.

"Won" independence, my eye. The moment the Government of India Act 1935 was passed against vigorous opposition by Churchill, Indian independence was there for the asking. There were elected governments in the provinces whenever Gandhi did not prevent them. The viceroy's council could immediately have been a cabinet composed of Indian politicians if Gandhi had let it, with the viceroy retaining relatively unimportant reserve powers rarely, if ever, to be used. India need never have been divided. In 1942 Cripps went to India offering dominion status, like Canada's, immediately war ended, if Congress politicians would support the war against the Japanese. Nehru and his colleagues agreed but went in to reverse just as Cripps was leaving for home because Gandhi had suddenly declared it "a post-dated cheque on a failing bank".

The cabinet mission had to thrust independence on India and beg the political parties to decide its shape. For one exhilarating moment Congress and Jinnah's Muslim League both accepted Stafford Cripps's cabinet mission plan by which India would have stayed united: a central government controlling only foreign affairs and the armed services for which it could raise taxes. The provinces, grouped according to whether they had Hindu or Muslim majorities, were to be autonomous. Then *Gandhi sent for me to say* he had been examining the plan "with my aged lawyer's brain and I don't think it means what the cabinet mission think it means".

Always terrified of Gandhi, the Congress leaders renounced their adherence thus ushering in the massacres on the borders of the separated India and Pakistan. British exploitation of India had long ceased, with the balance of *benefit the other way*. To save India from subjugation by Japan Britain ran up huge debts for war goods and services supplied in India. Named the sterling balances, they reached £1,250 million (the equivalent in today's money of £18-20 billion) by December 1945, adding acutely to the burden of our indebtedness to America.

We *willingly gave India independence* because we are democrats. Gandhi, Nehru, Jinnah, all emphasised to me that British rule had been good for and essential to Indian development. We had no wish to stay once the political leaders reckoned it was time to go, though there may well have been a majority throughout the sub-continent *wishing we would not*. The evidence is there, in the Government of India Act 1935 and in such 19th-century measures as providing wide suffrage for municipal elections in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras before Birmingham and Manchester.

Defeatists, sadly prevalent among our young intelligentsia, masochistically believe *that* voluntarily giving independence to peoples in the old empire has reduced Britain to being a *bit* player. Mrs Thatcher halted Britain's decline: our industry is set to be the most important in the EC, including Germany. The loss of empire has strengthened us. We should be confident in our remarkable recuperative powers to keep us at the top. Britain's future will be as splendid as its past.

Debatable moves

YET another historic institution, the Oxford Union, may be about to experience the slow process of reform. Having barely altered since it was set up in 1823, the Union, whose debating chamber has long served as a training ground for the House of Commons, is considering proposals to put it more at the heart of university life.

Top of the agenda is a plan to soundproof the historic wood-panelled chamber to enable pop concerts to go ahead. Other proposals include a second bar and more social events and parties.

But while the proposals have divided its 8,500 members, others feel the Union has already gone quite far enough socially. In December it was forced to apologise to Marcelle d'Argy Smith, the editor of *Cosmopolitan*, after she walked out of the end-of-term debate in disgust at the drunken behaviour of some of the union officials.

Former presidents of the Union are, not unnaturally, taking a close interest in the independent forecasters are reform process. Sir Edward *Heath is not enthusiastic*: "It is an institution which does not require change. The Union was not intended to be a venue for pop concerts or excessive drinking. The job of the Union is to provide a debating society, a library, and a meeting place where undergraduates dine and drink together in moderation. More drinking and partying will ruin it. Just like they have spoilt the House of Commons."

Another former president, William Hague, the Tory MP for Richmond, Yorkshire, disagrees. "What's wrong with pop concerts? As long as the facilities are protected I think it is a great idea. I think there should be more social events and parties."

James Robertson, this term's president, says: "The Union has worked well. We just want to extend its appeal, not change its character."

But d'Argy Smith, whose magazine sponsored December's notorious debate, is unimpressed. "It has the potential to be a phenomenal institution. But it is so sexist. All that ridiculous insidery, smutty humour, innuendoes and jokes about their sex lives. It is so dated and tedious. It is *supposed to be a place full of* bright people. Women are debased in debate by being forced to fight with the men's weapons. It's not a debating society, it's a baiting society. It appalls me to think that their idea of reform is to hold pop concerts. You can go to Wembley for that. The most extraordinary men and women in the world go to Oxford to talk to those students. Their response ... another bar. It's pathetic." Order, order ...



DIARY

● *President Clinton's much publicised decision to refrain from "inhaling" while he was at Oxford has not cut much ice with today's undergraduates. A survey in* Cherwell, *the Oxford University newspaper, shows that 41 per cent have taken illegal drugs, with marijuana the most popular.*

Name in the air

WE MAY not know Inspector *Morse's christian name as yet*, but one of the other great mysteries of English literature is a little closer to being solved. Tomorrow Radio 4 promises to reveal who Biggles — the hero of the books by Capt W. E. Johns — really is, or was.

An excitable BBC spokesman refuses to spoil the surprise: "Obviously there've been all sorts of suggestions over the years but the producer, Neil Trevithick, really believes that, after much pains-taking research, he has come up with the most credible theory of all."

The discovery has mystified even Biggles experts. "I don't know who it is," says Jenny Schofield, co-author of Captain Johns's biography, *By Jove! Biggles*: "I thought Squadron-leader Bigglesworth was named after Air Commodore C. G. Wigglesworth, although Capt Johns *did say at one stage* that Biggles was 'a shadowy character' who, in many ways, resembled himself." Let's just hope the BBC knows his first name.

● *A comment on American television advertisements or on the people who watch them? The American magazine* Adweek *reports that the number of people who find commercials an insult to their intelligence is dropping — from 32.5 per cent in 1984 to 26.2 per cent last year. The explanation is "growing consumer indifference to commercials". Growing customer indifference to research looks inevitable.*

Stunted appeal

LIKE comedy, film stunts are dependent on good timing. So, as befits a pro of 20 years standing (or falling for that matter), stuntman Steve Wilshire has neatly managed to make a lecture on screen violence coincide with the mounting controversy surrounding such gruesome cinema offerings as *Reservoir Dogs* and *Man Bites Dog*.

Wilshire's lecture, at the *Museum of the Moving Image* in London next month, will be a "survey of stunting" from *The Great Train Robbery* in 1904 to the stomach churners of today.

But his comments on film violence betray a surprisingly delicate nature that suggests the two films are never going to be very high on his "must see" list. Wilshire says: "There's violence and there's violence. In *Terminator 2* Arnold Schwarzenegger punches someone and his fist goes through the other side. I don't think that's necessary. Nor do I think violence against women is acceptable. And the violence in *Goodfellas* turned my stomach." He's not going to enjoy *Reservoir Dogs*.

King's garb at a royal price

● It has been a sombre weekend for Peter de Sausmarez. On Saturday he finally flew from London to his home in Guernsey, where he is the Seigneur de Sausmarez Manor, with the wedding suit of King James II packed in his suitcase. The suit, which has been in his family for 300 years, failed to sell at auction last November after de Sausmarez raised the reserve from £200,000 to £300,000, thus scuppering the V&A's top bid of £210,000.

Since the auction de Sausmarez and the V&A have been involved in lengthy discussions. De Sausmarez, however, refused to lower his price. De Sausmarez is "very disappointed" to be taking the suit back. But he "may well" put it up for auction it again "in a few years".



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FORCES FOR PEACE

The Vance-Owen plan can only succeed with military backing

Nothing is more wretched than the man who goes round and round everything, searching the bowels of the earth and seeking by conjecture to sound the minds of his neighbours." So meditated the Roman emperor, Marcus Aurelius, in the book recently chosen by President Clinton as the most important in his life bar the Bible.

This renowned invocation to decisiveness was written in the first years of Aurelius's reign. It was a time when the emperor's armies were putting down Balkan wars to protect European peace. It was a time which Edward Gibbon was later to set among the most "happy and prosperous" in the history of the human race. It may seem foolish to suggest now that Mr Clinton study again his old Stoic philosophy; Washingtonians would doubtless add that presidential decision-making would be better deployed at filling White House job vacancies. The echoes from the past are reproachful none the less.

The greatest power in the world today has not forgotten the Balkans, nor the potential impact of that region upon the wider world. But America remains united with its allies there by little more than hand-wringing, bowel-searching and second-guessing. The once decisive doctrine of collective security, triumphant in Nato during the Cold War and in the Gulf, is fading in southern Europe. Unless it is strengthened, or a substitute is found, the auguries are bloody.

This weekend's Croatian attacks make decisions all the more urgent. Reliance on mediation has suited the West until now; when counsels are divided, blessing the peacemakers is the easy way of postponing hard choices. But renewed fighting in Croatia and Bosnia propel towards futility the Bosnian peace talks that are chaired by Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance in Geneva. Those talks are the sole best hope of peace. There must be early proof of Western resolve to do more than deliver aid to the starving; the guns must be silenced, and silenced fast.

Many Western governments may quietly agree with that notion. There was a glimmer of good sense yesterday when the Belgian foreign minister, Willy Claes, said that he and Douglas Hurd had agreed to be "ready to send troops in order ensure execution of the (Geneva) agreement". But no country has yet fully decided whether to risk the expense and danger of military action. Most seem actively to resent the need to redefine their strategic interests and priorities.



The Vance-Owen plan

The moral case for intervention in Bosnia has been clear for many months. Mass rape, medieval siege warfare, starvation and disease disfigure Europe's claims to civilisation. Ethnic cleansing scars countryside and language alike. The vital nature of the political principle at stake — that frontiers must not be changed by force of arms — has been recognised in the creation of the European Community and the Helsinki process. Although no outside action, whether by second-century Romans or their successors, has succeeded for ever, that is no reason for not trying to succeed for a while.

All this the British, French and American governments acknowledge. But they shrink from the implications. Britain has responded to Bosnia's suffering by sending in troops whose logistical skills and determination have set them in a class of their own. But this strictly humanitarian mission has drawn anxiety about further demands in its wake. When the government announced the dispatch of the Ark Royal to the Adriatic last week, Tories huffed that the Balkans were not worth the life of a British grenadier. Labour collapsed into platitudes about the "inexorable drift into a bloody conflict without any military or political objectives". Yesterday some senior Tories called for a preparedness to flee rather than fight.

Ministers still grasp at last weekend's resumption of the Geneva negotiations to reiterate their faith in mediation, resolutely conducted, to restore stability to the Balkans. Those talks do not, however, mean that the hard questions about British military involvement have disappeared. Although the chances for some measure of stability in Bosnia are better than at any time since the fighting began, the negotiations will require military support to succeed. The first steps towards stability cannot wait on the final settlement of the contested provincial borders and careful constitutional safeguards that the Vance-Owen plan provides.

That plan, on close examination, is much more detailed and coherent than its critics wish to believe. It contains detailed protocols for military disengagement with firm timetables, worked out jointly by the Serb, Croat and Muslim commanders. These cover everything from lifting the siege on Sarajevo to controlling heavy weapons. It could start as soon as Bosnia's leaders gave the word. But it would have to be monitored, and where necessary enforced, by a large United Nations contingent of troops, commanded and controlled through Nato mechanisms.

This would restore some measure of stability to Bosnia: but it cannot do so if peace is made subservient to interminable processes of negotiation. Every clause provides scope for quibbling and delay. War on the ground increases the likelihood of yet another breakdown, genuine or opportunistic. Time is on the side of the Serbs who are shelling and starving Bosnia's Muslims.

The peacemakers have been kept in business by the tougher talk in recent weeks from the UN, Russia and most Western capitals. Hence in large part comes the conversion of Slobodan Milosevic, Serbia's president, to the Vance-Owen plan. The language of force — notably President Clinton's mere nod in the direction of aerial bombardment of Serb artillery — has finally convinced Serbia's leaders of the dangers they face from overreaching. The Bosnian Serbs, however, need more than talk to persuade them. By their own admission they have deferred rather than abandoned the goal of "self-determination" and union with Serbia. In Geneva, they will try to erode the safeguards against their eventual victory, filibustering while others starve.

While military intervention is made ready, President Clinton should be prepared to lead a parallel reinforcement of the diplomatic initiatives. The route lies not through the UN Security Council but through the three governments which have their own decisive influence on the warring parties. On Mr Milosevic, it is Russia; on Croatia's Franjo Tudjman, it is Germany; and on the Bosnian government of Alija Izetbegovic, it is Mr Clinton himself. The withdrawal of Russian support would complete Serbia's isolation; that of Germany would destroy Croatia's hopes of reviving its crushed economy; that of America would destroy the Bosnian government's hopes that, if they can only keep fighting, the world will eventually side with it against Serbia.

President Clinton, publicly backed by Britain and France, should ask Boris Yeltsin and Helmut Kohl to join him in a summons to the former Yugoslav republics, to issue them an identical ultimatum with a deadline measured in days, not weeks. Each should be told that they must carry out, forthwith and without prejudice to the constitutional negotiations, the Vance-Owen plan for disengagement, under the authority of UN forces co-ordinated from the Nato headquarters in Kiseljac and acting on a fresh mandate. Immediately following a ceasefire, the warring factions should be told to demilitarise Sarajevo, enabling it to function as an open city, headquarters of an interim civil authority and oasis of peace. All heavy artillery would have to be withdrawn 20 to 30 miles from existing positions and put under UN control as a preliminary to full disengagement. If peace were to return, there could eventually be an easing of sanctions on the Serbs, although this could not come before a final political settlement in Geneva. Meanwhile a working ceasefire would at least make possible a reinforced humanitarian effort for the benefit of all parties. If peace did not return, the result would have to be clear. The United States, Britain and France would commit themselves to supporting the threat of action under Chapter VII of the UN Charter — to impose an end to the fighting "by all available means".

The choice placed before each leader would be between co-operating with UN forces under the Vance-Owen plan, which includes extensive plans for repairing the ruins of war; or still more hunger and bloodshed before peace was eventually and with difficulty enforced. Despite all the atrocities of this war, none of these men is a Hitler; and none is secure enough politically to wish to have to explain to his people why he had chosen defiance in the certainty of ultimate defeat and lasting opprobrium.

For the leaders of the West much is still to be done — and done more quickly than anyone would ideally like. President Clinton has the opportunity to make much-needed changes in American military doctrine. The doctrine of massive intervention against easy targets — founded after the humiliation of Vietnam — is too inflexible to give America a foreign policy. Graduated response must somehow be allowed to return. In Washington today the idea that Europe can look after European security is already dying. The new president need have no compunction in putting the corpse of error to rest.

For John Major the need is to give Britain confidence that it has an independent international position at all. It would be easy for this country, in its current demoralised state, to slip back further into itself. Into the common currency of debate would come the abandonment of its nuclear deterrent, the end of its permanent place on the UN Security Council, the abrogation of its potentially important role, based on military and diplomatic arts, in securing the world's greatest possible peace and prosperity.

In 1938, Britain was forced to examine the role it wished to play in the world by the annexation of a small part of a country to which it attached no importance. So it is today. History and geography have been invoked against British involvement. Yet because the Balkans are the plates where the cultures of Europe clash, whether the peace of Europe depends on peaceful accommodation or on war, Britain has a part to play. National interest in the maintenance of the rule of law is not an unaffordable luxury. The government needs to find the courage, and its own Stoic steadiness of purpose, to make that case.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Restrictions on air services

From Mr A. J. Lucking

Sir, Your report, "Airlines warned of soaring fares" (January 15), tells us that we must prepare for air fares to rise sharply, because the airlines will have lost £6.50 on each of the billion passengers they will have carried during the past four years.

Whilst this is true in aggregate, passengers paying the business fare are being overcharged already, to compensate for losses sustained on other traffic.

In 1990, on the Atlantic routes, the airlines achieved a profit margin of nearly 50 per cent, whilst losing money in their first and economy cabins. In Europe, the margin was 16 per cent, and that before the rapid fare increases enabled by the ill-conceived "double disapproval" interlude, when a fare increase could be blocked only if authorities at both ends objected to it and during which the European Commission proved unable to restrain the airlines as well as our Civil Aviation Authority had done previously.

Although the Gulf war and the economic recession are partly to blame, I fear that a more fundamental problem has emerged since the attempts to introduce airline competition, as it has done with earlier forms of public passenger transport. To compete with the incumbent operators, a new entrant is forced to provide a commensurate number of services each day, with equipment of a comparable quality.

The additional capacity swamps the market, even though the incumbents previously underprovided it, and some new business is generated by the lower fares that a more efficient newcomer can afford. The new entrant and the previous incumbents then sell off the excess capacity at fares below cost, and one or more of them go bankrupt.

For the airlines, this has occurred already in the USA and Australia, is well advanced in New Zealand, and has started in Europe. Transport historians have catalogued the same sequence with buses, horse-drawn and motorised, most recently since the 1986 deregulation. It is unfortunate that nobody learns from history.

A limited-life franchise for a single operator might solve the problem in some cases. Otherwise, passengers should take advantage of the low fares for as long as the "honeymoon" lasts, realising that the surviving airlines' shareholders and bankers will be reclaiming their losses, with interest, in the near future.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. LUCKING,
20/17 Broad Court, WC2.

From Mr Michael H. Asher

Sir, It would be interesting to know the effect of shuttle services on the availability or otherwise of "slots" at Heathrow. The concept of a shuttle operation is always to have a reserve aircraft on hand, which must mean that reserve slots are also available.

From the current British Airways timetable, one can learn that there are 558 shuttle arrivals and departures at Heathrow each week. If so many slots are available for "back-up" flights, there must be even more available for re-positioning of aircraft used when back-up aircraft have been operated.

As bookings are required on shuttle flights for discount tickets, the number of seats available for passengers who wish to turn up and fly without a reservation is proportionately smaller than was the case when shuttle flights were introduced, when all the seats were available "on demand".

Perhaps the time has come when airlines who wish to provide shuttle services should do so by having a variety of different-sized aircraft available to accommodate whatever load appears, and release all slots for back-up flights to the many who wish to provide additional services from Heathrow; at present they are restricted in doing this.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL H. ASHER,
7 Princes Gardens, Ealing, W5.
January 20.

Overworked word

From Mrs Betty Stout

Sir, It seems that every time there is some new scandal, revelation, titillation or whatever we have to have the word "gate" tacked on to the end of it. I am sick and tired of all these gates that keep opening. How about shutting some of them?

Yours,
BETTY STOUT,
3 Strelley Way,
East Acton, W3.
January 14.

Resistance to windfall profits tax

From Mr Lewis Stretch

Sir, John Major's knee-jerk response to John Smith's proposal for an excess profits tax (report, January 20) was misguided. Our economic decline owes much to all groups taking more out of the community (when they have had the power to do so) than they have been putting in. Mr Major would have done better to accept the principle but insist that it must be applied generally, not selectively.

He could then have invited Labour's co-operation in working out an equitable system and standards applicable to all factions, from City nabobs to dustmen. As the unions' unthinking demand for annual wage increases regardless of performance, even in a depression when many are losing their jobs and homes, has been a major contributory factor, Mr Smith's reply would have been illuminating.

Yet the challenge might have stimulated deeper consideration of how the needs of society (which does exist despite Lady Thatcher) and individual aspirations can be held in constructive tension nowadays in a technologically sustained economy, rather than the Tweedledum v Tweedledee exchanges on television, even in programmes reputed to be delivering news. Political pusillanimity is as serious an obstacle to rational debate as pointless official purdah.

Yours faithfully,
LEWIS STRETCH,
3 Laroc Close,
Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire.
January 21.

From the Chief Executive of the Electricity Association

Sir, I must take issue with the assertion in your leading article, "Labour learns its lessons" (January 20), that Labour's suggested windfall profits tax is "aimed at companies who are broadly hated by those whom they serve".

A recent survey carried out by Mori showed that the most favourably regarded industry in the UK is the food industry, with the electricity industry in second place and the gas industry third.

On an individual company favourability rating the aggregated score for the regional electricity companies and the score for British Gas put them fourth and third respectively in a list of 30 companies.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. FARRANCE,
Chief Executive,
Electricity Association,
30 Millbank, SW1.
January 21.

From the Director of the Water Companies' Association

Sir, In the press release issued on January 19 by the shadow Chancellor on "Labour's budget for jobs" he states that "water companies are enjoying a seven-year tax holiday". The 22 water supply companies in membership of this association are not enjoying any tax holiday whatsoever. They are, as they have always been, subject to the normal tax regime relating to industry generally.

Our members are investing £2.5 billion on new projects during this decade and thereby creating or maintaining more than 2,000 jobs.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SWALLOW,
Director,
The Water Companies' Association,
1 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
January 20.

Minding the healers

From Mr Marc Binns

Sir, Jeremy Laurance asserts ("Who will mind the healers?", January 12) that only child psychotherapists are approved, recognised and paid to work in the NHS as therapists. This is incorrect.

Clinical psychologists' terms and conditions of service, which include necessary training criteria, are also determined by the Whitley negotiating forum. Both professions have strict and regulated entry requirements, and both employ the psychological therapies.

It may be confusing that "therapist" does not enter into the title "clinical psychologist". This stems from the fact that clinical psychology, like medicine, is a complex profession applying science to health-care through a variety of interventions.

However the development, practice and evaluation of the psychological therapies is central to clinical psychology practice. Specific models of therapy or techniques are embedded in a thorough understanding of how human beings tick, derived during the six-year basic training.

Yours faithfully,
MARC BINNS (Chair-elect,
Division of Clinical Psychology,
British Psychological Society),
1 De Montfort Mews, Leicester.

From the Chair, British Psychodrama Association

Sir, Jeremy Laurance's statement ("Bogus therapists escape tougher safeguards", January 5) that "practitioners range from the serious to the barmy, and offer therapies such as conventional psychoanalysis, neuro-linguistic programming, psychodrama and personal construct psychology" insinuates that psychodrama falls nearer the "barmy" end of his arbitrary spectrum.

I find this offensive as well as wrong. Psychodrama (re-enactment-based psychotherapy) has a provenance that goes back at least 60 years and had its roots in Vienna; its clinical experience was developed in the States, working with seriously disturbed patients.

No one form of psychotherapy can hold the monopoly of successful outcome, scientific proof or perceived wisdom. All share a common goal of the alleviation of suffering and an understanding of the human psyche that can help us order our lives and our culture in a more productive and hopeful way.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WATSON, Chair,
British Psychodrama Association,
11 Stanhope Street,
Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire.
January 12.

Sex equality

From Canon Eric James

Sir, As preacher to Gray's Inn, I have studied the recent report (details, December 1, 1992) on sex equality at the Bar and in the judiciary, "Without Prejudice?". It would be foolish to attempt to summarise the report, but I should like to quote: "Sixty per cent of women barristers surveyed said they had faced discrimination during their career on grounds of sex."

I have found the report valuable at a time of painful division within the Church of England concerning the ordination of women.

The Bar and the Church must be contrasted as well as compared; and those who oppose the ordination of women do so on theological grounds. But one wonders how much that is *said* to be theological objection is in fact comparable with the prejudice experienced by women barristers.

Surely nobody thinks there is prejudice at the Bar but not in the Church; but how does one get the Church to ask the questions which the Bar has been asking?

Yours sincerely,
ERIC JAMES (Honorary Director),
Christian Action, St Peter's House,
308 Kennington Lane, SE11.

Leave moa in peace

From Mr Alasdair Aston

Sir, So the search is now on for the moa bird, long thought to have been extinct but recently seen in the mountains of New Zealand (report, later editions, January 25).

Is there any way that the search can be called off before it is too late — again?

Could the influential politicians and zoologists among your readers bring pressure to bear upon the potential disturbers and destroyers?

Yours faithfully,
ALASDAIR ASTON,
84 Northiam Street, E9.
January 25.

Signs of the times

From Mr James Morgan

Sir, I think I have the answer to Bernard Levin's musings (January 22) on why banks are so awful. At a NatWest branch in the West End there are two boxes for public use. Both have large signs which read, "Cheque book request's". These signs have stood in full view of two members of the staff for well over a year. They were presumably ordered by someone in the bank's employ and accepted by the bank's management. And none of them, apparently, cares.

Yours etc,
JAMES MORGAN,
20 Rectory Road, SW13.

Rights in Malawi

From Mr David L. Astor and others

Sir, The Malawi government's scandalous record on human rights has recently been documented by church leaders there, by Amnesty International and by a high-powered delegation of British lawyers who visited the country last September.

Orton Chirwa's death while in prison (report, October 22, 1992) was an example of the brutal system described by the lawyers who said: "The emotion we encountered among citizens at every level, from villagers to government officials, was fear."

Now life-president Dr H. Kamuzu Banda has trampled on hopes for the national referendum to decide whether there should be a multi-party rather than the present one-party system. A UN technical mission estimated last November that a "free and fair" referendum would necessitate six months' preparation and June 15, 1993, was set for referendum day — a date welcomed by Malawi's opposition groups: the Alliance for Democracy and the United Democratic Front.

However, on December 31 President Banda suddenly announced that it will be held on March 15. In a country where freedom of speech and assembly have long been denied and where the government controls the media, what prospect is there of the Alliance being able to organise effectively in so short a time?

We trust that President Banda's repudiation of the UN mission's conclusions will not be tolerated by influential leaders who claim to be upholders of democracy.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID L. ASTOR,
AVEBURY,
CAMPBELL of ESKAN,
9 Cavendish Avenue,
St John's Wood, NW8.
January 23.

Helicopter benefit for trauma cases

From the Chief Executive of the Royal London NHS Trust

Sir, Dr Martin Samer (letter, January 20) feared that trauma victims were transferred to the Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel inappropriately, and with consequential delay to their treatment. The facts are at variance with his perception.

The Royal London helicopter and its medical team are summoned to the scene of an accident by the London Ambulance Service. The choice of hospital is made jointly by the helicopter medical team and ambulance service paramedics and is determined by the nearest unit best able to provide the range of services required.

Average journey times from accident sites to hospital vary between four and eight minutes, substantially faster than transport by road would permit. Fewer than one in four of the patients to whom the helicopter is called are taken to the Royal London Hospital.

At least three out of four patients are therefore taken to other hospitals — for example, the burns patient to whom Dr Samer referred was transferred not to Whitechapel, as he suggested, but to Queen Elizabeth II Hospital at Woolwich, where there is a major burns unit.

Rather than causing delay by moving trauma patients to an inappropriate hospital, helicopter service achieves the precise opposite — to the infinite benefit of the patient.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. FAIREY,
Chief Executive,
The Royal London NHS Trust,
The Royal London Hospital,
Whitechapel, E1.
January 21.

Amateur painters

From Mr Donald King

Sir, Why does Richard Cork go out of his way to sneer at the efforts of amateur watercolour painters like me? His remarks add nothing to his review (January 15) of the Royal Academy exhibition; surely amateur painters can have done him no harm; and if he does not like amateur watercolours he need not look at them.

Like Mr Cork, I came away from the Academy exhibition full of wonder at the imagination and skill displayed there. It is improbable, but not quite impossible given the unpredictability of art criticism, that in 100 years' time some of my paintings will be found in a loft and enthuse the then art establishment.

Mr Cork's successor will be allowed several of your columns to tell the world how splendidly they grace the walls of the Academy. That would serve Mr Cork right.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD KING,
Greenways, Cray Road,
Crockenhill, Kent.

Brazilian timber

From Mr R. M. James

Sir, In reply to the letter from Catherine Barr of Greenpeace International (January 22), the Timber Trade Federation (TTF), through its Forests Forever Campaign, met representatives of Greenpeace and other non-government organisations in November to hear comments from Dr Sydney Possuelo, the head of Funai, the Brazilian government body responsible for native rights.

The allegations that Brazilian timber companies had extracted mahogany illegally from Indian lands were of great concern and, through the Brazilian embassy in London, the TTF has arranged a top-level meeting with the Brazilian authorities including Funai, Ibama (responsible for forestry policy) and Aimex, the Brazilian timber exporters' body. This meeting is due to take place within the next ten days.

The UK timber trade has already stated that it will not trade in logs or timber sourced illegally.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL JAMES
(National Hardwood Executive),
Timber Trade Federation,
26-27 Oxendon Street, SW1.
January 22.

Uncharted territory

From Dr Christopher R. Palmer

Sir, Have you ever noticed how useless those "conversion factors" in desk diaries tend to be? With their help, I can move swiftly between cubic feet and cubic decimetres, ounces per inch and grams per millimetre and tons per square mile and kilograms per hectare. Do many, I wonder, actually *use* these charts? Could they not publish something more useful?

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS PALMER,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Community Medicine,
Robinson Way, Cambridge.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 25: The Princess Royal today visited Shropshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant *for Shropshire (Mr* John Dugdale).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Bairdwear, Halesfield, Telford.

The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, later opened St John Ambulance Quadrilateral Division Headquarters, St John House, *Bridgnorth*.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, afterwards visited Vision Homes, Tollgate Road, Ludlow.

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened Ladywell Housing *Development, Bucknell.*

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
January 25: The Duchess of Kent, Joint Patron, St George's Hospital and Medical School, this afternoon opened the Magnetic Resonance Unit, Blackshaw Road, London SW17.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

The Queen has appointed the Rev Norman Walker Drummond, Headmaster of Loretto School, to be a Chaplain to Her Majesty in Scotland, in the room of the Rev Mary Irene *Levison*, retired, who has been appointend an Extra Chaplain to Her Majesty in Scotland.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Leprosy Mission, will attend a luncheon at the Hyatt Carlton Tower hotel at 12.30 to *commemorate the 40th anniver*sary of World Leprosy Day.
Prince Edward will attend a luncheon given by Rank Xerox at the Lanesborough hotel at 12.30 in aid of the Renton Foundation.
The Princess Royal will deliver the *Florence Nightingale Lecture at St* Thomas's Hospital at 6.30.
The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Magdalene Australia Society, will attend the Australia Day dinner at Magdalene College, Cambridge, at 7.00.
The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Dowty Batteries at 18 Nuffield Way, Abingdon, at 10.30; Benetton Formula, Whiteway Technical Centre, Enstone, at 11.45; and *Zedcor, Bridge Street Mill,* Witney, at 2.35.

Christening

Lady Marina Charlotte Windsor, daughter of the Earl and Countess of St Andrews, was christened Marina Charlotte Alexandra Katharine Helen by the Rev William Booth, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal, in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, on *Thursday, January 21*. The godparents are Lady Ralph Kerr, Mrs Luke Nunneley, Mr William Hanbury-Tenison (for whom Mr Jack Hanbury-Tenison stood proxy) and Mr Sasha Poklewski-Koziell.

Appointment

Charles Stewart Forbes Black to be a Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Jonathan Aitken, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in *honour of Brigadier General* Shaikh Hamad Bin Abdullah Al-Thani, Minister of State for De*fence Affairs of Qatar.*

Board of Deputies of British Jews

The French Ambassador was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Board of Deputies of British Jews yesterday at Woburn House. Sir Sigmund Sternberg was the host and His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, president of the board, presided. The German Ambassador was among others present.

Royal Over-Seas League

The High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago was the guest of honour at a luncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's by Mr Peter McEntee, chairman, and members of the *central council of the Royal Over*-Seas League.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League

Dame Shirley Porter was the guest speaker at a meeting of the discussion circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr *P.D. McEntee presided.*

Mr Oliver Van Oss

There will be a Thanksgiving *Service for the life of Oliver Van* Oss in Eton College Chapel on Friday, February 5, at 2.45pm.

Royal Navy Dartmouth entrants

The following candidates were declared successful for entry to the Royal Navy and entered Britannia Royal Navy College, Dartmouth on January 6.

Direct graduate entry

Sub Lieutenant (Full Career Commission) Engineer:
K P Thompson, Bedford Modern Sch, Jesus Coll, Cambridge, Cranfield Inst of Tech, Bedford; Miss K J Wheuter, Dr Challoners High Sch, Amersham, Christs Coll, Cambridge.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Engineer:
T E James, Glebelands Sch, Cranleigh, Godalming Coll, Ferndown Upper Sch; Portsmouth Poly; J S Balcombe, Salesian Coll, Farnborough, Farnborough 6th Form Coll, Southampton Univ; R A Scott, Monks Dyke HS, Louth, Boston FE Coll, Nottingham Poly; P D Snelling, John *Lyon Sch, Harrow, Exeter Univ; J S* Skelton, London Oratory Sch, Univ of Manchester.

Sub Lieutenant (Full Career Commission) Seaman:
S H Dawson, North Berwick HS, Hull Univ, Cambridge Univ; J M G Dineen, Ardingly Coll, St Andrews Univ; M P Duggan, *Tudor Grange Sec Sch,* Solihull, Solihull 6th Form Coll, Univ Coll of Swansea; R J Duree, Ermysteds GS, Skipton, Ripon GS, Univ of Sussex; T C Green, Longcroft Sch, *Beverley, Hull Coll of FE, Teesside Poly;* Miss K J Gutteridge, Putney Park Sch, Kingston Coll of FE, Thames Poly; C Hurley, Daventry Grange Comp, Liverpool Poly; A D Jackson, Manchester GS, Magdalene Coll, Cambridge, Manchester Poly; S J McGlory, St Edwards Coll, Liverpool, Univ of Salford; R F Mortimer, King Edward Sch, Retford, *Brighton Poly; A* S Moss, Norwich (King Edward VI) Sch, Univ of Southampton; J R Moss, Caistor GS, Stamford Coll, Univ of Sheffield; Miss S Robinson, *Marshalwick Sch, St Albans, St Albans* Coll of FE, Newcastle Poly; S J Sellars, Arbroath HS, Univ of Stirling; A M Stacey, Furze Platt Sch, Maidenhead, Abingdon Sch, Univ of London; R C Tapp, Sir Thomas Rich's Sch, Glos, Univ of Exeter.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Seaman:
S Calnan, Friary Sch, Lichfield, Liverpool Univ, Bradford Univ; Miss C L Gunn, St Andrews Sch, Malton; Cheltenham Ladies Coll; Royal Holloway & Bedford New Coll, Univ of London; S G Long, Lickey Middle Sch, Bromsgrove, Wasely HS, Rednal, *Bournside Schl, Cheltenham, Poly* South West, Plymouth; M W McLintock, Hutchesons GS, Glasgow, Glasgow Univ; J J Mullen, Bayswater Sch, Oxford, Oxford Boys Sch, Kingston Poly; L Page, Islington Green Sch, Islington 6th Form Coll, St Johns Coll, Cambridge; R M Pears, St Thomas More RC Comp Sch, Tyne & Wear, Univ Coll of *N Wales; Miss M S* Rees, Newton HS, Powys, Univ of Wales; A P Webster, Calday Grange GS, Wirral, Univ of Essex; Miss R Young, *Eastwood Comp Sch,* Nottingham, Loughborough Univ; Miss K C Kelsey, Leamington Sch, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire C of E Sch, Sunderland Poly, Montana State Univ, USA, Durham Univ; C F Paine, Dulwich Coll, The Kings Sch, Canterbury, Univ of Ulster.

Sub Lieutenant (Full Career Commission) Supply Officer:
T B Porter, Newcastle-under-Lyme Sch, Manchester Poly; D W A Walker, City of Portsmouth Boys Sch, Portsmouth Coll, *Northern Parade Middle* Sch, Portsmouth, Liverpool Poly; Miss S M Roberts, St Marys Coll, Clwyd, NE Wales Inst of HE, Clwyd, Trevelyan Coll, Durham.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Supply Officer:
B C Park, Royal Hospital Sch, Ipswich, Robert Gordons Inst of Tech.

Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Instructor Officer:
C J Arnold, Stratford-Upon-Avon HS, Portsmouth Poly, Southampton Univ; *D M L Baines,* Tewkesbury Sch, St Vincent, Gosport, Royal Holloway & Bedford New Coll; P A Bartlett, Wakefords Sch, Havant, Hull Univ, Brighton Poly, Portsmouth Poly; R M Beadnell, Wetherby HS, Univ of Birmingham, Univ of Liverpool; K Boyle, Archbishop Grimshaw Sch, Chemlsley Wood, Univ of Liverpool; R J Harcourt, Mark Hall Comp Sch, Harlow, Harlow Tertiary Coll, Univ of Leicester; R Hawker-Cole, United World Coll of SE Asia, Singapore, Lomond Sch, Helensburgh, St *Andrews Univ, Strathclyde Univ; D J* Milliman, St Gregory's Catholic Comp Sch, Bath, St Brendan's Catholic 6th Form Coll, Bristol, Kings Coll, London; J C H Stamper, Barnard Castle, Co Durham, Univ of East Anglia.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Instructor Officer:
Miss J S Bailey, Convent of Our Lady of Provenance, Alton, Bath Coll of FE, Univ of Exeter; L M Kies, The Deanes, Benfleet, S E Essex 6th Form Coll, Benfleet, Southampton Univ, Exeter Univ.

Naval college entry

Midshipman (Full Career Commission) Engineering:
M R Burley, Penrice Sch, St Austell, *Mid Cornwall Coll,* Nottingham Univ; J E Burns, Sandal Endowed C of E Middle Sch, Wakefield, Kettlethorpe HS, Wakefield, Wakefield District Coll, Hatfield Poly; D J Evans, Penrice Sch, St Austell 6th Form Coll; B Harvey, Southlands Middle Sch, Cramlington, Cramlington HS; I Kennedy, Plockton HS, Rossshire, Univ of Glasgow; A C *Kirk (*U/Y), Worsbrough HS; J W J* Lowe, Woodbridge Sch, Woodbridge; A D Murchie, Exeter Sch; D J O'Shaughnessy, Bury Boys GS, Castlebrook High, Bury, Bury Coll; S D Patterson, Claremont HS, Glasgow; J I H Richards, Woodhouse Grove, Bradford; M A Selway, Branston Sch & Comm Coll, Lincoln; S D Skiltrall, Helston Sch; H G W Spedding, Mount House Sch, Tavistock, Pangbourne Coll, Reading.

Midshipman (Medium Career Commission) Engineering:
R A Cumming (*U/Y), Biggar HS Lanarkshire; B Davies (*U/Y), Stanchester Comp; J Edwards (*U/Y), *Cefn Saeson Comp, Neath, W Glam; S* M Haggerty (*U/Y), St Albans RC Comp; E M McGregor (*U/Y), Bridge of Don Acad; D P McLaughlin, Chatsmore Catholic HS, Worthing, Northbrook Coll, Worthing; M Ord (*U/Y), Whytrig Middle S, Astley HS; J J Parsons, Shrewsbury Sch; P S Read (*U/Y), Washington Comp; D W Thompson (*U/Y), Norton Canes Comp; Cheslyn Hay HS; A D Tracey (*U/Y), Royal Manor Sch; A Wildin (*U/Y); L W Pannett, Ernest Bevin S, London, Richmond-upon-Thames Tertiary Coll, Durham Univ.

Midshipman (Full Career Commission) Seaman:
N Charlton, Bishop of Llandaff *Church in Wales HS, Cardiff;* W A Crookes, Scarborough Coll; J N Hogan, Darwen Mooriand HS, Blackburn Coll; T N McEwan, Ardvreck Sch, Perthshire, Fettes Coll, Edinburgh; *M R G Payne,* Birkenhead Sch for Boys; T E Shaughnessy, St Felix Middle Sch, Newmarket, Culford Sch, *Bury St Edmunds; Miss J L Simcock,* Holden Lane HS, Stoke-on-Trent, City of Stoke-on-Trent 6th Form Coll; A D Steer, Parkwood Sch, Bexley; Hurstmere Sch, Sidcup, Chislehurst & Sidcup Sch, Bexley Tech HS; S Ward, Manor House Sch, Honiton, All Hallows Sch, nr Lyme Regis; M Winterburn, Tumfurlong County Middle Sch, John Colet Comp; *Miss N* P Robinson, Girls HS, South Africa, Swaffham VI Form; M W Coulter, Holland Park Sch, London, Mill Hill *Sch, London; W J Craven, Oswestry* Sch; T G Ellison, Portsmouth GS.

Midshipman (Medium Career Commission) Seaman:
S C Wynn, Bishop Heber County HS, Malpas.

Midshipman (Short Career Commission) Seaman:
G W T Davies, Plymouth Coll, Thames Poly; A L Hayward (*U/Y), "Broadacres" Weston Rd Secondary Comp; Miss L C Hurn, Thorpe House Sch, Norwich, Hewett Sch, Norwich; J E Livesey, St James RC HS, Cheadle Hulme; E Santrian (*U/Y), Woodhouse Middle Sch, Bidulph HS; S A Studley, Heathfield Comm Sch, Taunton, Richard Huish Coll, Taunton; S P Swales, Silcoates Sch, Wakefield.

Midshipman (Full Career Commission) Supply Officer:
L D Vogel, Bournemouth Sch.

Midshipman (Short Career Commission) Supply Officer:
A C Burns (*U/Y).

Direct Graduate Entry

Sub Lieutenant (Medium Career Commission) Aircrew (Observer):
P M Taylor, Fergusson Intermediate, Upper Hutt, Upper Hutt Coll, Macleans Coll, Auckland, Univ of Auckland, New Zealand; L A Kennington, Burgoyne Middle/Upper Sch, Portsmouth Poly; R C R *Simmonds, High Park Sch,* Stourbridge, King Edward VI Coll, Stourbridge, Wolverhampton Poly.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Aircrew (Observer):
N Billcliff, Sutton Manor HS for Boys, N E Surrey Coll of Tech, Univ of Birmingham; A J Kent, Duncarig Sec Sch, East Kilbride, Paisley Coll, Bell *Coll, Hamilton; D J Lynch, Liverpool* Coll, Univ of St Andrews; D M Taylor, Catholic HS, Chester, West Cheshire Coll, Sheffield City Poly; M J Wingfield, Castle Sch, Taunton, Richard Huish Coll, Taunton, *London* Univ.

Naval College Entry

Midshipman (Medium Career Commission) Aircrew (Observer)
Miss D Lomac, Patchway HS, Bristol, *Gloucester Sch; S Hohne,* Woodhouse Grove Sch, Apperley Bridge, Univ Coll of N Wales.

Midshipman (Short Career Commission) Aircrew (Observer)
M J Barlow (*U/Y), St John Bosco Sch, St Edmund Campion Sch; J P Barry, Backwell Sch, Bristol; C M D Kitchener, St Edmunds Coll, Ware, Hatfield Poly; I R McFarlane, Lenzie Acad, Glasgow; R J Toshney, Carres *GS, Sleaford,* Lincs; A J Dollin (*U/Y), Thornden Sch.

Direct Graduate Entry

Sub Lieutenant (Medium Career Commission) Aircrew (Pilot)
P E Hacon, Lynn Grove HS, Gt Yarmouth, E Norfolk Sixth Form Coll, Bedford Coll of HE; *B J Satterthwaite,* Grace Dieu Manor, Coalville, Ratcliff Coll, Syston; Univ of Kent.

Sub Lieutenant (Short Career Commission) Aircrew (Pilot)
P M Lee, Alice Smith Sch, Kuala Lumpur, Eastbourne Coll, Univ of East Anglia; W J C Mackay, Latymer Upper Sch, Hammersmith, Richmond upon Thames Tertiary Coll, Univ Coll Swansea; M J Mollard, St Annes RC High, Stockport, Aquinas Coll, Stockport, Stockport Coll of Tech, Leeds Univ; A D Clink, Cheltenham GS, Pates GS, Univ Coll of Swansea.

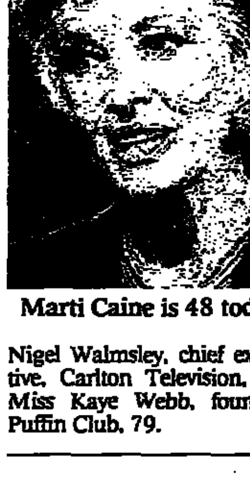
Naval College Entry

Midshipman (Medium Career Commission) Aircrew (Pilot):
*C R Adshead (*U/Y), St Augustines* Middle S, St Thomas More HS; C E Fuller, St Aldheims Middle S, Poole, Poole GS; F McNicol, London Nautical *Sch, Graveney HS, Sutton Manor HS.*

Midshipman (Short Career Commission) Aircrew (Pilot):
J A Hawkins, Acland Burghley Comp; *S A B Pengelly, George Heriot's Sch,* Edinburgh, Stevenson Coll, Edinburgh, Telford Coll, Edinburgh; J P Robinson, Test Valley Sch, *Stockbridge, Cricklade Coll, Andover,* Salisbury Coll of Tech.

Birthdays today

Mr Ronald Allison, author and broadcaster, 61; Mr Michael Bentine, author and comedian, 71; Miss Marti Caine, comedienne, 48; Admiral Sir Desmond Cassidi, 68; Mr Timothy Clifford, director, National Galleries of Scotland, 47; Mrs Margaret Daly, MEP, 55; Mr Martin Dunn, editor, *Today*, 38; M Stéphane Grappelli, violinist, 85; Mr Christopher Hampton, playwright, 47; the Right Rev David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham, 68; Miss Eartha Kitt, singer, 65; Mr S.J.B. Langdale, former headmaster, Shrewsbury School, 56; Mrs Anne Macfarlane, Master of the Court of Protection, 63; Mr Akio Morita, chairman, Sony Corporation, 72; Mr Paul Newman, actor, 68; Mr Christopher Price, director, *Leeds* Metropolitan University, 61; Mr A.N. Solomons, chairman, Singer and *Friedlander, 63; Dr John* Sykes, lexicographer, 64; Sir Charles Tidbury, former *chairman,* Whitbread and Company, 67; Mr M.R. Turner, publisher, 64; Mr Nigel Walmsley, chief executive, Carlton Television, 51; *Miss* Kaye Webb, founder, Puffin Club, 79.



Marti Caine is 48 today

Fruiterers' Company

The Fruiterers' Company has elected the following officers for *the ensuing year:*
Master, Mr M.B. Sykes; Upper Warden, Mr M.C. Wallis; Renter Warden, Sir Rowland Whitehead, Bt.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Claude Helvetius, philosopher, Paris, 1715; Alexander Carlyle, Moderator of the General Assembly 1770, Prestonpans, *1722; Benjamin* Robert Haydon, painter (*Waiting for The Times*), Plymouth, 1786; Douglas MacArthur, American general, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1880; Edward Sapir, anthropologist, Germany, 1884; Sean MacBride, Irish statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1974, Dublin, 1904; John Carmel Heenan, cardinal archbishop of Westminster 1963-75, Ilford, Essex, 1905; Jacqueline du Pré, cellist, Oxford, 1945.
DEATHS: Edward Jenner, discoverer of vaccination, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, 1824; Theodore *Gericault, painter, Paris, 1824;* Francis Jeffrey, Baron Jeffrey, judge and literary critic, Edinburgh, 1850; Gérard de Nerval, poet, Paris, 1855; Charles George Gordon, general, killed at Khartoum, 1885; Nicholaus Otto, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, Cologne, 1891; Arthur Cayley, mathematician, Cambridge, 1895; Nikolai Vavilov, geneticist, Saratov labour camp, Siberia, 1943; Grace Moore, soprano and actress, Copenhagen, 1947; Edward G. Robinson, actor, California, 1973; James Cameron, journalist, London, 1985.

Latest wills

Sir Richard Harry David Williams-Bulkeley, 13th Bt, of Beaumaris, Anglesey, Gwynedd, a *former Lord-Lieutenant of Gwyn*edd, left estate valued at £505,935 net.

Mr Sidney Beetham Hainsworth of Hessle, North Humberside, formerly of Brough, and of Church Farm, Elloughton, former chairman of J H Fenner & Co, which he transformed into a multi-national group, who promoted the Fenner *Trophy* at the Scarborough Festival and was the prime mover in the erection of the Sutcliffe Memorial Gates at Headingley, left estate valued at £134,099 net.
He left £2,500 for the Church of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity, Hull.

Mr Charles Reginald Purley, of Middleton on Sea, West Sussex, founder and former chairman of Lec Refrigeration, Bognor Regis, left estate valued at £4,567,171.

Mrs Lillian Constance Brewer, of *Up Nately, Hampshire, formerly* of Baughurst, left estate valued at £7,844,809 net.

Lord Julian Stanhope Theodore Hawke, 10th Baron of Towton, of Cuddington, Northwich, Cheshire, late director of Glazebrook Steel, and a commissioner of taxes, Manchester, left estate valued at £609,977 net.

Mr William Buller Fagg, of London, SW13, former Keeper of Ethnography at the British Mu*seum, left estate valued at* £698,652.
He left a number of personal bequests, £1,000 to the Catholic *Chapel, Fisher House, Guildhall* Street, Cambridge, and the residue to form the William Buller Fagg Charitable Trust, to be applied for charitable purposes.

Mr James Findlay Jack of Goring by Sea, West Sussex, left estate valued at £315,541 net.
He left personal legacies totalling £30,500 and the residue to the National Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr Roy Featherstone, of Windsor, Berkshire, left estate valued at £876,760 net. He died intestate.

Major General Sir Herbert Ralph Hone, of London, SW15, former head of the legal division of the Commonwealth Office and governor and commander-in-chief of North Borneo, left estate valued at £263,224 net.

Sir Thomas Robinson Ferens, of Driffield, North Humberside, left estate valued at £3,905,416 net.
He left £25,000 to Fight for Sight, and the remainder of his estate mostly to his issue.

Catherine Edith Mary, Baroness Archibald, of London, NW3 left estate valued at £391,215 net.
She left £5,000 to the Anchor Housing Trust, Oxford.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D.J. Campbell
and Miss M.R.L. Higgins**
The engagement is announced between *Douglas, son* of Mr and Mrs Alastair Campbell, of Dollar, Clackmannanshire, and Madeleine, daughter of Sir Terence and Lady Higgins, of Blackheath, London.

**Mr J.S. Duckworth
and Miss L.J. Boyce**
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Duckworth, of Bleasdale, Lancashire, and *Lisa*, daughter of Mr Robert Boyce, of Newmarket, Suffolk and the late Mrs Jean Boyce.

**Mr P.StJ. Leonard
and Miss E.N. Miles**
The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of the late Mr Justice Patrick Leonard and of Mrs B. Leonard, of Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxon, *and* Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.C. Miles, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

**Mr A.J.I.S. Stewart
and Miss L.E. Berridge**
The engagement is announced between Alastair, eldest son of Mr Ivan Stewart and the late Mrs K. Stewart, of Whiteleaf, Buckinghamshire, and Louise, eldest *daughter of Mr* Peter Berridge, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Jane MacDermott, of Hale Barnes, Cheshire.

**Mr A.J. Watson
and Miss K.J. Colegrove**
The engagement is announced between Alan, elder son of *Mr* and Mrs Frank Watson, of Cumnor Hill, Oxford, and Katharine Juliet, *daughter* of Mr and Mrs Michael Colegrove, of Kidlington, Oxford.

Marriage

**Mr G.H.W. Waddell
and Miss M.S. Carter**
The marriage took place on Saturday, January 23, 1993, in Bridge of Allan, between Graham Herbert Wallace Waddell, Bearsden, Glasgow, and Marjorie Stuart Carter, Stirling.

Dinner

Kroll Associates
In honour of the visit to the United Kingdom of Mr Valentin Stepankov, Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation, and Mr Boris Kondrashov, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Law and Order and Prevention of Crime, as guests of Kroll Associates, the Right Hon Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, PC, QC, was host at a dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Monday, January 25. Among those present were:
His Excellency the Russian Ambassador, Lord Ackner, Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, Sir Michael Alexander, GCMG, Major General Robert Corbett, CB, the Hon Mr Justice Popplewell, Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, Mr Rupert Allason, MP, Mr Michael Beckett, Mr Avraham Bendor, Mr Anthony Bruce, Mr Alan Clements, CBE, Mr John Conyngham, Mr Alexei Golubnichy, M Igor Goundobin, Mr Patrick Grayson, Mr Tommy Helsby, Mr Jeff Katz, Mr Henry Keswick, Mr Alexei Klishin, Miss Amy Lashinsky, Mr William Lee, *Mr David Logan, CMG,* Mr Andre Newburg, Mrs Ruth Nilsson-Ladner, Mr John Nutting, Mr John Rowe, QC, and Mr John Toppin.

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We are fellow-workers in God's service; and you God's garden. Or, again, you are God's building.
1 Corinthians 3: 9.10 (REB)

BIRTHS

ANDERSEN - On January 23rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Jeanette and Jan-Erik, a son, Niklas, a brother for Maud.

AYLWIN - On January 24th, at St Thomas's, to Annette (née Baillieu) and Christopher, a daughter, Camilla Louise, a sister for Emma and Patrick.

BALLARD - On 23rd January at Louise Margaret Maternity Wing, Cambridge Military Hospital, to Petronella (née Wiegersma) and Tony, a son, Sebastian Hendrik Aloysius, a brother for Charlotte.

BRUCE - On January 21st, at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Claire (née Mattocks) and Michael, a daughter, Eleanor Marie Jean. A sister for Alasdair.

CHAPPELL - On 20th January at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to *Pamela (née Gooding)* and Peter, a daughter, Eleanor Frances.

COOK - On January 23rd, in Marondera, Zimbabwe, to Lisa (née Innes) and Peter, a beautiful daughter, Amy Saranne Innes.

GOSSAGE - On January *22nd, 1993, at BMH* Iserlohn, to Jessica (née Vaughan) and Andrew, a daughter Henrietta Ellinor.

HARRISON - On January 20th, to Jennifer (née Royle) and Michael, a daughter, Joanna Charlotte.

HENRIQUES - On January 23rd, *in Switzerland,* to Tamara and Guy, a daughter, Francesca Rose.

HISCOX - On January 24th, to Julia and Robert, a son.

HOLT - See Turner.

HUDSON - On January 20th, to Ruth (née Mander) and Richard, in Somerset, a *daughter,* Eleanor Madeleine, a sister for Sebastian, Alistair and Katherine.

KELLY - On January 15th, to Candida and Diarmaid, a son, Barnaby.

KNIGHT - On 20th January, to Emma (née Heywood-Lonsdale) and Matthew, a daughter, Sophie Lucinda, a sister for Laura.

LOYD - On January 23rd, to *Kirsten and Thomas,* a son.

PELMORE - On 23rd January 1993, to Pat (née Copping) and Alec, a son, Christopher John, a brother for Richard.

TURNER - On January 23rd, to Liz (née Holt) and Chris, a son, Thomas Nathaniel.

WHITAKER - On January 23rd 1993, to Sarah (née Seal) and Anthony, a son, James, a brother for Daisy and Clementine.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On January 24th 1993, peacefully at home, Peter Allen, husband of Sylvia *(died 1951)* and Consuelo (died 1991), father of Julia and Rose. Funeral at Telham Church, Battle, at 1.30 pm on Thursday 28th January. No flowers please, but donations to Salvation Army or Red Cross c/o F. Jempson & Son, 38 High Street, Battle.

ARCHIBALD - Brian Mortimer, Brigadier *R.E.* and for twenty years with Distillers/BP, quietly at home on Sunday 24th January 1993, aged 86. Loving husband of Nancy and widower of Daphne. Dear father of Sally and Elizabeth and father-in-law *of Mike. Funeral on Friday* 29th January at 2.15 pm at St Peter's Church, Humshaugh, followed by private cremation. Flowers or, preferably, donations to 'Community Trust Fund', Hexham General Hospital, c/o J Dickinson, 4 West Crescent, Gunnerton, Hexham. Memorial Service in London to be arranged later.

AYRES - On January 22nd 1993, Dr. Geoffrey William. Peacefully at R.U.H., Bath. Much loved husband of Mary, father of Peter, *Elizabeth and Judith* and a loving grandfather. Private cremation. A memorial service will be held later.

BAKER - On 21st January, tragically in hospital, Dr. N.W.H. (Nick) aged 30 of Mistley, Essex. General Practitioner of Woodbridge. Much loved husband of Lindsay, dear son of Gerald and Pam of Linstead, Suffolk. Private cremation followed by Memorial *Service at 1 pm Monday 1st* February at St Mary's & St Michael's Church, Mistley. All welcome. Family flowers only but donations to the Nick Baker Memorial Fund may be sent to R. Gwinnell & Sons, 24 High Street, Manningtree.

BENT - Rowland Alan Robertson O.B.E. on January 22nd 1993 peacefully aged 78 years, formerly Colonial Services Botswana and of *Zimbabwe.* Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Wilmersfield, near Haverhill, Suffolk, on Tuesday February 2nd at 2.30 pm. *Family flowers only please,* but donations if desired to Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, 14 Abingdon Road, London W8 6AF.

BEWES - Canon Thomas Francis Cecil - "a servant of Christ" - passed peacefully into the presence of his Lord on Sunday 24th January, aged 90. Devoted husband of the late Sylvia; father of Peter, Richard, Michael and Elizabeth and a loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service *at Tonbridge Parish Church* on Monday 1st February at 2pm. Enquiries to Ord-Hume, Undertakers, Tonbridge - 0732 361156. Service of Thanksgiving at All Souls Church, Langham Place, London W1 on Saturday 27th March at *2pm.* "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place throughout all generations."

BOHM - On January 22nd, Franz Bohm, engineer, of St John's Wood, born in Mahrisch Ostrau in November 1897, died *peacefully in his 96th year,* at Great Canfield, Essex, after a short illness with his family about him. Funeral next Thursday January 28th. Details from Leverton & Sons Ltd., 181 Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, NW3, tel: (071) 586-4221. He served under two flags.

BOND - On 23rd January 1993, peacefully at The Laurels Nursing Home, Hastings, Dorothy Blanche aged 100. Beloved mother of Derek and grandmother of Anthony and Belinda. Funeral Service, Hastings Crematorium, Friday 29th January at 1.30 pm. Cut flowers may be sent to A.C. Towner Ltd., Funeral Directors, 2 & 4 Norman Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

BOOTH - Alan, Writer/Journalist. On 24th January 1993, in Tokyo after a courageous battle with cancer aged 46. Loving husband of Su Chung, devoted father of Mirai and foster brother of Ann. Funeral in Tokyo on Tuesday 26th. It was a privilege to know him.

BOYS-STONES - On 22nd January, at her home in Alderholt, Mary Vernon, widow of Hubert Boys-Stones, greatly loved and now missed by her family. Funeral at St James Church, Alderholt, Fordingbridge, Hants, on Thursday 28th January at 11.30 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only.

BRENNAN - John, died on his 65th birthday 20th January. A kindly man, much loved by his family and friends, especially Beda, Rosie, Mary, Mick, Pat, Lizzie, Franco and Gary. Cremation at midday on 28th January at East Finchley Crematorium.

BRETSCHER - On January 23rd 1993, suddenly in Cambridge, Hanni, widow of Egon, much loved by her children Scilla, Mark, Peter, Iris and Anthony, their spouses and her 12 grandchildren.

BUCHANAN-DUNLOP - Lieutenant Colonel Robert Arthur Buchanan-Dunlop of Drumhead, *O.B.E.*, late The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), peacefully at Newbury on 23rd January, husband *of the late Patricia* and father of Lilias and Robin. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Inkpen, Berkshire, at 12 noon on *Friday* 29th January. No flowers. Donations if desired to The British Red Cross, Midlothian Branch, 43 *Manor Place, Edinburgh.*

CHEVNEY - Stanley Joseph Southouse, Norwich 23rd *January.* A great player, missed and dearly loved by Dora and all the family. Funeral February 1st at 2 pm Wymondham Abbey, Norfolk.

DEFRIEZ - On January 22nd, peacefully *at Delves House,* London, Mary Agnes Frances (Maisie), widow of Frank Lord and of Ernest Defriez. Mother of 7, grandmother of 17, great-grandmother of 7. Requiem Mass at Brompton Oratory at 11 am, Tuesday February 2nd, followed by burial at the Cemetery, Gap Road, London SW19. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington W8.

DENNY - On January 21st 1993, very suddenly at home, Tim, adored husband of Libby and devoted father of Anthony, Mouse and Katharine. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Hingham, on Friday January 29th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The MacMillan Nurse Appeal, 15 Britten Street, London SW3.

DENT - On January 23rd 1993, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, John Dent. Much loved husband of Anne, and devoted stepfather of Robert and Shelley, Clare and Bill, Sarah and Rick, Mary and Jonathan and William. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving to *be announced.*

EAMES - On January 24th, peacefully, Elisabeth, beloved by many. Funeral Service on February 2nd at 2pm. F/D (0323) 840049.

EMMOTT - On January 12th 1993, peacefully in Vevey, Switzerland, John Bingham, in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Mary, father of Katrina and grandfather of Kazimierz and Zygmunt. Private funeral service has taken place. R.I.P.

EVANS - On January 22nd 1993, Tegwedd, devoted wife of James, dearly loved mother of Francis and Linda, much loved sister of Lyne, beloved aunt and great-aunt. *Funeral Service to be held* Monday February 1st 2.15pm at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

FAIRBAIRN - On Saturday January 23rd, peacefully at home, Peggy. Dearly loved mother of Jean and Ian. Sadly missed by daughter-in-law Sarah and grandchildren James and Louisa. The Funeral Service will take place at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday *January 28th at 11 am. All* enquiries to Pimms Funeral Services, tel: (0483) 67394.

GLADWIN - On January 23rd 1993, Roland Powis (Peter), Journalist, husband of the late Irene. Formerly of Sydney, *New South Wales* and *East Horsley, Surrey.* Peacefully in York, aged 86. Survived by his three children, five grandchildren and great-grandchild. Funeral 1 pm, Friday January 29th, York Crematorium. Enquiries (071) 272-7661.

GOLDIE - Longframlington, Northumberland, on January 21st aged 78 years, Reverend Donald Norwood, beloved husband of Barbara. Service at St Mary's Church, Longframlington, on Tuesday January 26th at 1pm. No flowers by request.

GREEN - Peacefully, and much cared for in St James Hospital, Leeds, on Thursday January 21st, Michael, husband of Ann and father of Kate and Nick. Memorial Service Monday February 15th at Heslington Church, York at 4 pm. Donations to I.C.U. York District Hospital, or The Liver Unit, St James *Hospital, Leeds.*

HARE - The death occurred on January 19th of Miss Lottie Hare of Dudley, West Midlands. Funeral Service at St Thomas Church, Dudley, on January 29th at 2 pm followed by interment at Dudley Cemetery. Family flowers only please. If desired donations accepted for Himbleton Parish Church, Castle Meadows Nursing Home and Dudley Girl Guides may be sent to J.E.W. Hickton and Sons, Funeral Directors, 9 Lower High Street, Cradley Heath, Warley, West Midlands B64 5AB. tel: (0384) 66626.

HARRISON - Audrey. On January 24th, peacefully at home after a long, hard and selfless battle against her illness. Much loved and missed wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral on Thursday January 28th, 2.15 pm, St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth, followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for St Cuthbert's Hospice, to be sent to Laurie Harrison.

INGRAM - On January 17th, peacefully at Countess Mountbatten Hospice, Southampton, Richard aged 78, formerly of Barnham, West Sussex. Much loved husband of Daphne and father of Richard, Nigel and Nicholas. Funeral taken place, any donations please to The Countess Mountbatten Hospice, Southampton.

JAMES - On January 23rd 1993, at Bideford, peacefully after a brief illness, Naomi, aged 77. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Mickleham, Friday January 29th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, tel: (0306) 882266.

KURUCZ - Andras, after a mercifully short illness, on 21st January 1993. Cremation at 2.30 pm on 27th January at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers please, donations if desired to Cancer Research Fund, Royal Brompton Hospital, where he was so lovingly cared for in his final days.

MACLEOD - Sir Roderick on January 22nd, peacefully in his sleep. Dear father of Neil, Kirsty and William, Grandfather of Annabel and brother to John and Margaret. Private funeral for family and friends at St Olave's, 8 Hart Street, London, on Saturday January 30th at 11 am. *Family* flowers only. Memorial Service to be announced.

McCARRY - On January 22nd, peacefully, Robert James, formerly of Edinburgh and Malaya, beloved husband of the late Catherine Isobel, dear brother of Pat, much loved by his nephew and nieces and their children. Funeral Monday February 1st, Service at Weston Mill Crematorium, Plymouth at 2.30 pm. Cut flowers please or donations made payable to St Luke's Hospice, may be sent to Walter Parson, 702 Budshead Road, Crownhill, Plymouth. tel: (0752) 767676.

MORRISON - Robert (Robbie) Edward, peacefully on January 23rd aged 90. Beloved husband of the late Minnie (1971) and dear *father of Robin and Brenda.* Funeral Friday January 29th at Mortlake Crematorium at 1 pm. No flowers please. Enquiries to T.H. Sanders & Sons, 28/30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, tel: (081) 948-1881.

NICHOLSON - On Saturday January 23rd 1993, Ralph Arthur Nicholson C.B.E. aged 87 years of Sherborne, Dorset, former Minister of Finance to the Northern Rhodesian Government, so dearly loved and devoted husband of Hope. Loving father of Peter and Ann and grandpa to Harriet, Adrian and Laura, Simon and Miranda. Funeral Service at Sherborne Abbey on Friday January 29th at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

NICHOLLS - James William, dearly loved father *of* John and Elizabeth and son of James and Irene, died suddenly on 22nd January. Cremation on Friday 29th *January at 10.80 am* at The City of London Crematorium, Manor Park, London E12. No flowers but donations to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

O'BEY - Peter Jesse, Solicitor of Midhurst, West Sussex, died 21st January 1993. Funeral Service at Midhurst Parish Church at 6 pm on Thursday 28th January 1993. Private cremation thereafter. Flowers or donations for Barnardos may be sent to L.F. Linfott & Son, Funeral Directors, Midhurst 813254.

OGDEN - Peacefully at home in Hexham on January 22nd, Canon David. Private cremation, Thanksgiving Service, Hexham Abbey on Thursday January 28th at 11.30 am.

PORTEUS - On January 23rd, at Leckhampton, Cheltenham, Hugh Gordon Cruddas Porteus, aged 87, peacefully after a long illness.

RANKEN - On Sunday January 24th at home, *Muriel Frances Ranken* (née Abell), aged 96, widow of Walter John Smith Ranken, mother of Joan, Anne and Helen. A much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Wiggonholt, Pulborough, on Friday January 29th at 2pm. *Flowers if desired*, or donations to *Help the Aged,* c/o W. Bryder & Sons, Tillington, Petworth.

ROBINSON - On January 24th 1993, peacefully at The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher, Sydney Verdun Robinson CBE, husband of Elizabeth, much loved father of Susan and Diana, also a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Monday February 1st at 12 midday. Family flowers only but donations if wished for The Princess Alice Hospice may be sent c/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 28 South Road, Guildford GU2 6NY, tel: (0483) 67393.

ROBLEY - On January 22nd, at Winton Nursing Home, Nether Wallop, Hampshire, Joyce, aged 91, wife of the late Christopher H. Robley. *Funeral Service at Chilbolton* Parish Church at 11 am on Thursday January 28th followed by cremation at Salisbury Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Winchester Cathedral Restoration Fund c/o Dunning Funeral Services, 2 Church Close, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1DP.

ROGERS - On January 23rd, peacefully at home, Lady Brenda Mary Rogers. Dearly loved wife of Phil. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Newick, Sussex, on Friday January 29th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Red Cross, c/o R.A. Brooks & Son, Ravenoak, Allington Road, Newick, East Sussex, tel: (0825) 722898 or (0444) 484391.

SABBEN-CLARE - On 24th January, peacefully after an illness borne with his usual fortitude, Ernest aged 82, *devoted husband of Ros and* loving father of Tim, James and Penny. Funeral at Hyde Parish Church, Winchester, on Friday 29th January at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Oxford Cruse c/o Jno. Steel, Cheall House, Winchester.

SMITH - On January 23rd, peacefully in her sleep, of Beverley, Mary Elizabeth, dear wife of William, dearest mother of Russell and Steven. Funeral Service at St Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge, at 11.30 am on January 28th followed by cremation at Stonefall Crematorium, Harrogate. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers, if so desired to St Cuthbert's Church. A plate will be provided in Church.

SQUIRE - *On 22nd January* 1993, peacefully in Portsmouth Hospital, Major Norman Squire, MBE, MC, TD. Beloved husband of the late Thelma, adored father of Patrick, Pennie, Judy, David and Helen and darling grandpa. Funeral Service at *St Luke's Milland Parish* Church at 11 am on Friday 29th January 1993. Family flowers only.

SQUIRES - Charles Kenyon, on 24th January, suddenly and peacefully at home. Brother of Doreen and Betty and father of John. For funeral arrangements contact Edward White & Son, Chichester, tel: (0243) 782136.

TOWNLEY - On January 16th 1993, peacefully at home, Marjorie Bertha, wife of the late Charles Evelyn Townley, much loved mother and grandmother. *Funeral private.* Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday 6th February at 3 pm at St Vigor's Church, Fulbourn. No flowers please, but donations to Cambridgeshire Aid to Tibetans Association c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge CB4 3EJ.

TYHURST - On January 20th, Phyllis Laura, in her 90th year. Wife of the late P.E. Tyhurst (Bill). A much loved aunt and great-aunt. Cremation, Thursday January 28th 3.30 pm at Charing Crematorium, Ashford, Kent.

WARNER - On January 20th 1993, peacefully at Gloucester House Nursing Home, Sevenoaks, Marie Dorothy Vere aged 90. To join her beloved Gerald. Funeral on January 29th at 4 pm at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to The Cats Protection League, Dept LSG, 17 Kings Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5PN.

WILKES - John Bloomfield, Surgeon Commander R.N. retired, L.D.S., R.C.S., Eng, of London and Norfolk, aged *78 years, died peacefully* at the Hammersmith Hospital, on 22nd January 1993. Widower of Margaret and father of Pamela and *Michael.* Funeral Service at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Stanley Road, Diss, on Friday 29th January 1993 at 2pm. Flowers to Rackhams Funeral Service, Stanley Road, Diss.

WILSON - On January 23rd, peacefully after a short illness, *William (Bill),* dearly beloved husband of Min, much loved Dad of Pam and Gerry, and grandad of Jeremy and Gary. Funeral Service on Friday January 29th at 1.30 pm Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead Surrey. Family flowers only, donations to Kingston Hospital Scanner Appeal c/o F.W. Paine (081) 942-1978.

WRIGHT - On January 22nd, peacefully after a long illness, Joan, widow of John Henry Wright. Beloved mother of David and Stephen. Funeral Service on Thursday January 28th at the Church of St Lawrence, Bourton-on-the-Hill at 12 noon. No flowers but if desired donations in lieu to the Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham General Hospital.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MORGAN - Dewi. A Memorial Service at St *Bride's,* Fleet Street, on February 16th at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BEATTIE - Peter Christopher, with dearest love today and always.

COLE - G.P. Russell, 4th May 1918 - 26th January 1992, late of 2 Harley Street, sadly missed by all his family.

JOAN - 14.12.17 to 26.1.74. *Always in our hearts* and thoughts. H.S. - "Yet O stricken heart, remember O remember. How of human days she lived the better part. April came to bloom and never dim December. Breathed its killing chills upon the head or heart".

JONES - [illegible] Palaeobotanist, tragically on the 1980 expedition to Mali, aged 27 years. Always remembered with love.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

MAHON - Bernard 26.1.72. Remembering my beloved husband Bernard and his brother the Right Reverend Gerald Mahon M.H.M. late Bishop in West London, a much loved brother-in-law and friend. Jocelyn.

SAMUEL - Dr. Henry S of Theale, Berkshire. 23rd January 1974. Remembered with much love. Lee.

BIRTHDAYS

Friday 22/1
Frag
Archie wishes you a very Happy Birthday and every future success. Whatever the circumstances your best friend will always be with you. Looking forward to Tuxedos. I love you.
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LEGAL NOTICES

GULFTARGET LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH on 10 February 1993 at 10.00am for the purposes mentioned in Section 48 and 49 of the said Act.
Unsecured creditors may obtain a copy of the Administrative Receivers' report free of charge by writing to J.R. Hill, BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH quoting reference "Gulftarget Limited".
A creditor is entitled to vote at this meeting only if:
a) he has forwarded to the Administrative Receiver, J.R. Hill of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7BH not later than 12.00 hours on the 9th day of February 1993, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the above company, and the claim has been duly admitted for the purpose of entitlement to vote, and
b) there has been lodged with the Administrative Receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
J R Hill, Administrative Receiver

HOWSON HOMECARE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named company will be held in the offices of Cork Gully, St Andrew's House, 20 St Andrew Street, London, EC4A 3AD on 2 February 1993 at 11.15 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at St Andrew's House 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm on 29 January and 1 February 1993.
DATED 15 January 1993
By order of the Board
G H Hesom, Director.

[illegible] Estates Plc
Registered Number: [illegible]. Nature of Business: General Builders. Trade Classification: 25. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 21 January 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: L A Manning & D J Buchler, (office holder numbers 6477 & 3134) of Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WSL COMPUTING SERVICES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 4 February 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 18th day of January 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.A. KELLY, DIRECTOR.

IN THE MATTER OF
GILBERT JEFFS & CO LIMITED
GILBERT JEFFS
(NOMINEES) LIMITED
GILBERT JEFFS (FINANCIAL SERVICES) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT
AND RULES 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Stephen James Lister Adamson and Gareth Howard Hughes of Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1 7EU, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named companies by the Members and Creditors on Friday 8th January 1993.
Dated this 8th day of January 1993
S.J.L. Adamson, Joint Liquidator.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Tuesday 2 February 1993 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(b) of the Act, Mr S Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 21st day of January 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
B BARBER, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
ARTHUR J PEACOCK LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of Arthur J Peacock Limited will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Queen Victoria House, Guildhall Road, Hull HU1 1HH on the 8th day of February 1993 at 10.00 am. The Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Joint Administrative Receivers at 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.
Copies of the Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the Joint Administrative Receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 21st day of January 1993.
R Marsh,
Joint Administrative Receiver.

OBITUARIES

THURGOOD MARSHALL

Thurgood Marshall, great-grandson of a slave and the first black man to be appointed to the United States Supreme Court, died at the Bethesda Naval Medical Centre, Maryland, on January 24 aged 84. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on July 2, 1908.



THURGOOD Marshall was more than a lawyer: more than a judge. He was, above all, a crusader for common justice. In the long struggle for black civil rights in the United States few men have made a greater impact, even though the latter part of his career was steeped in bitter disappointment.

During 24 years as a Supreme Court justice (1967-91), he fought racial and gender discrimination fiercely and was a determined upholder of liberal values. Among the more significant rulings he wrote were those saying that teachers could not be fired for speaking out truthfully on public issues and that possession of obscene material within the privacy of one's home could not be made a crime. But for many years he was mostly a dissenting voice on the Supreme Court. He disagreed sharply with the court's ruling invalidating a plan for busing pupils across school district lines to achieve racial integration and its reinstatement of capital punishment.

"The most glaring of the inequities in the administration of the death penalty concerns the race of victims and defendants," he said in a speech in 1984. "A Negro who kills a white man runs a far greater risk of being executed than a white man who kills a Negro."

The younger son of an elementary schoolteacher and a Pullman car waiter, Marshall credited his father with his decision to study law instead of his original ambition to become a dentist. "My father turned me into a lawyer without ever telling me what he wanted me to be," he once said: "In a way he was the most insidious of my family rebels. He taught me how to argue, challenged my logic on every point, even if we were discussing the weather."

Rebellion seems to have been a family trait. His great-grandfather, who was captured in Africa and brought as a slave to Maryland's eastern shore, was said by Marshall to have won his freedom through his rebellious nature. "His more polite descendants like to think he came from the cultured tribes in Sierra Leone," he said. "But we all know that he really came from the toughest part of the Congo."

Marshall's mother pawned her wedding and engagement rings to help him attend Lincoln University, an all-black college in Pennsylvania, from which he graduated with honours in 1929. But his application to the all-white university of Maryland Law School was rejected on grounds of race, and he enrolled instead at the Howard University Law School in Washington.

It was a slight that the young Marshall was soon to avenge. After graduating *magna cum laude* with an LLB degree in 1933, while working as counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People in Baltimore, he compelled the law school that had rejected him to accept its first black student. No state law school south of the Mason-Dixon Line had ever been forced to do such a thing before. Thurgood Marshall was on his way.

In 1938 he became National Counsel for the NAACP, and chief strategist in that organisation's campaign to desegregate America's schools. He was a gregarious man and a lawyer of imposing presence. He travelled throughout the south, creating a network of sympathetic lawyers to handle civil rights cases and instigate local challenges to segregated education.

The lower courts at that time were consistently upholding segregation. Marshall carried the issue to the Supreme Court, where he argued 32 cases on behalf of the NAACP and won 29 of them.

His greatest triumph came in 1954 when he won a unanimous decision in the case of Brown *v* Board of Education. The court, under its chief justice, Earl Warren, ruled that "Separate education facilities are inherently unequal," thus overturning the "separate but equal" doctrine that had persisted in the United States since 1896. It was a verdict destined to have a profound effect on the whole of American society.

For the next seven years Marshall worked to ensure compliance with the new desegration laws on a case-by-case basis. He fought, too, to eliminate racial discrimination in voting, housing, and public facilities. But in 1961 he left the civil rights battle to accept an invitation from President Kennedy to become an Appeal Court judge.

It was a tough decision to make. "I had to fight it out with myself," he said later. "But by then I had built up a staff — a damned good staff — and the backing that would let them go ahead. I've always felt the assault troops never occupy the town. I figured after the school decisions the assault was over for me. It was time to let newer minds take over."

The assault may have been over, but racial prejudice was not. Marshall's appointment to the bench was stalled for nearly a year by segregationists in the US Senate, before his confirmation in September 1962. The right wing had cause to worry. Once in place, Marshall confirmed their worst fears by strengthening constitutional safeguards against illegal searches and seizures, ruling that loyalty oaths for teachers were unconstitutional, and curbing the power of immigration authorities to deport aliens summarily.

With such a judicial philosophy, it was no surprise when President Johnson picked Marshall to become his Solicitor General in 1965, and nominated him to the Supreme Court two years later as the first black justice. It was an act of political expediency at a time of acute racial tensions, and produced a liberal majority on a court which had previously been split 5-4 in favour of conservatives.

To be in the majority was a strange experience for Thurgood Marshall, and for some time he was uncharacteristically quiet. But with conservative appointments to the court by Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan and Bush, he soon found himself fighting once more for liberal causes.

But although he argued passionately against encroachments on individual liberty, against the death penalty and in favour of a woman's right to an abortion, Marshall found himself increasingly on the losing side.

His frustration showed in dissenting judgments which became more embittered as the conservative hold strengthened, and in 1989 he accused the Supreme Court of being "in full-scale retreat from its long-standing solicitude to race-conscious remedial efforts directed toward deliverance of the century-old promise of equality of economic opportunity."

In his last dissent, published on the day of his retirement, he roundly accused his fellow justices of overturning precedent for ideological ends. "Power, not reason," he said, "is the new currency of this court's decision-making."

Nor did Marshall confine himself to comments from the bench. During the late 1970s and 1980s he publicly denounced the conservative trend of the court at judicial conferences and bar association meetings, and even broke with tradition to give a series of television interviews in which he accused President Reagan of having the worst record on civil rights of any American president. "I wouldn't do the job of dog-catcher for Ronald Reagan," he said.

His assessment of Mr Reagan's successor at the White House was not much more flattering. Asked his opinion of George Bush shortly before retirement, Marshall retorted: "It is said that if you can't say something good about a dead person, don't say it. Well, I consider him dead."

Failing health prompted Thurgood Marshall's retirement from the Supreme Court in June 1991, though he had always claimed that he would stay on the bench until he died.

"Don't worry," he told a gathering of lawyers and judges in 1988, "I'm going to outlive those bastards." With the best of intentions, it was one promise he was unable to keep.

Thurgood Marshall's first wife died of cancer in 1955 after 25 years of marriage. He is survived by his second wife, Cecilia, and two sons, the eldest of whom, Thurgood Marshall Jr. was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court shortly before his father's retirement.

SIR EDWARD SNELSON

Sir Edward Alec Abbott Snelson, KBE, judge and civil servant in India and Pakistan, 1929-61, has died aged 88. He was born on October 31, 1904.



AFTER holding senior positions with both the Indian and Pakistan governments following their independence, Edward Snelson became a judge of the Supreme Restitution Court in Herford, West Germany.

He was educated at St Olave's Grammar School, Southwark, and was a chorister at Southwark Cathedral before going to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, in 1923 on a musical exhibition. He graduated in 1926 with a Double First in Classics.

He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1929 and entered the Indian Civil Service after learning Hindi at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. His next 18 years were spent in India. He held senior judicial posts before being appointed Joint Secretary to the government of India following independence. In 1948 he took up service with the government of Pakistan.

From 1951 to 1961 he was Secretary to the Ministries of Law and Parliamentary Affairs in Karachi. During these years he was responsible for one of the many drafts of the constitution, and for the drafting of the mass of legislation needed for the new state. He also led the Pakistan delegations to the international conferences on the Law of the Sea in Washington and Geneva. After a disagreement with the Pakistan judiciary he returned to England.

For many men, Snelson's ahievements to that date would have represented more than a life's work. But he now brushed up his German and took up appointment as a judge of the Supreme Restitution Court, Herford, West Germany, an international court with jurisdiction to hear appeals from German national courts arising out of property claims brought by victims of the Nazi regime. Paucity of evidence and tension between the strict language of the governing statute and the moral merits of individual claims sometimes made this work particularly demanding. In addition to the Supreme Restitution Court, he served on the Arbitral Tribunal and Mixed Commission for the Agreement on German External Debts in Koblenz, 1969-77.

Increasing ill-health forced his retirement in 1981.

His wife, Jean, and two sons survive him.

ALBERT HOURANI

Albert Hourani, historian of the Middle East and fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford, 1958-71, died on January 17 aged 77. He was born on March 31, 1915.

ALBERT Hourani's field of study was the interaction of Western societies and the Middle East over the past 200 years. To this he brought a philosophical mind and a sympathy with the peoples and places involved derived from his own cultural inheritance.

He was the son of a Christian Lebanese merchant in Manchester. Hourani's father did not allow staunch loyalty to his adopted country to supplant affection for the land of his origin. Links with the family village of Marjayoun in south Lebanon were always firm.

Hourani went to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a first in Modern Greats. He then taught for two years at the American University of Beirut, and on the outbreak of war in 1939 joined the research department of the Foreign Office. Later, he went to Cairo, where he worked in the office of the Minister of State.

Travelling widely through the Arab world, he got to know the younger generation of officials, teachers and politicians, many of whom had had a Western-style education. These young people were looking forward to a postwar world in which the political and social concepts they had been taught to admire would be given a chance to flourish.

The necessities of war and the inclinations of most senior officials who administered British policy naturally at that time aligned Britain with an older generation of nationalist leaders — Ibn Saud, Nuri es-Said, Nahas Pasha, and their like. But a paper which Hourani wrote on the need for Britain to understand and co-operate with the younger generation was widely circulated and had a profound influence behind the scenes.

After the war Hourani found himself an interpreter to Western governments of Arab aspirations. For example, the evidence which he gave before the 1946 Anglo-American Commission on Palestine was far more effective than that of almost every other witness on the Arab side. Unlike the others, he knew how to present a case in terms that his hearers would find reasonable and persuasive.

When, at the end of the war, funds for Arab offices were eventually voted, Hourani was an obvious choice to help in setting them up. But his heart was never in politics. He had already published, under the auspices of Chatham House, two useful studies, *Syria and Lebanon* (1946) and *Minorities in the Arab World* (1947).

The offer of a fellowship at Magdalen brought him back to Oxford in 1948. But his name will be chiefly linked with the Centre of Middle Eastern Studies, part of St Antony's College. It was his creation, and a generation of students who passed through it owed him more than sympathetic guidance. He rescued oriental studies from the margins of academic life.

Teaching prevented him from writing more but *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age, 1798-1939* appeared in 1962 while *A History of the Arab Peoples* (1991) became a best-seller in America.

He leaves his widow, Odile, and a daughter.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Joint Administrative Receivers at 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the Joint Administrative Receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 21st day of January 1993.
R Marsh,
Joint Administrative Receiver.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
ARTHUR PIES (HOLDINGS) LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of Arthur Pies (Holdings) Limited will be held at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Queen Victoria House, Guildhall Road, Hull HU1 1HH on the 9th day of February 1993 at 11.30 am. The Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the Joint Administrative Receivers at 9 Bond Court, Leeds, LS1 2SN no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986. Copies of the Joint Administrative Receivers' report will be provided free of charge to all creditors who ask the Joint Administrative Receivers for a copy at the above address.
Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.
Dated the 21st day of January 1993.
R Marsh,
Joint Administrative Receiver.

HOWDON GROUP PLC
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A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at St Andrew's House 20 St Andrew Street, London EC4A 3AD between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm on 29 January and 1 February 1993.
DATED 18 January 1993
By order of the Board
G H Jones, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PATENT SYSTEMS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on Wednesday 3 February 1993 at 10.30 am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Monday 1st February 1993 and Tuesday 2 February 1993.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and must attend in person a proxy at Buchler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 2 February 1993. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its estimated value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Andrew L Skinner, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
PENTTRADE LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Gerrard Street, London, EC1M 6DH, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th January 1993. Dated this 21st day of January 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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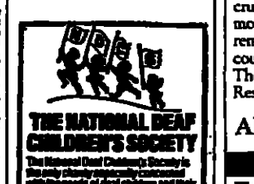
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WOMEN IN CHURCH PULPITS.

BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM'S DEFENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
BIRMINGHAM, JAN. 25.

The Bishop of Birmingham has received a letter from the local secretary of the English Church Union protesting "against the invitation given to women to occupy church pulpits, as at Liverpool last July, and more recently in the parish church of Birmingham, as being contrary to the order and discipline of the Catholic Church and a cause of offence to loyal members of the Church." The letter also called his attention to a resolution passed in London "protesting against the admission of Nonconformists and other unlicensed preachers to the pulpits of the Church."

The Bishop has sent the following answer:—

"I would, in the first place, draw attention to a resolution passed at the Lambeth Conference of 1920. It runs as follows:—'In view of prospects and projects of Reunion . . . a Bishop is justified in giving occasional authorization to ministers, not episcopally ordained, who, in his judgment, are working towards the ideal of union such as is described in our appeal, to preach in churches within his diocese.'"

WOMEN PREACHERS.

"I would further point out that the foregoing resolution is not confined to ministers who are men. In some Christian communions, as, for example, in that branch of the Church Universal known as the Salvation Army, women equally with men are ministers. I do not see how, without repudiating the authority of the Lambeth Conference, it is possible that objection could be taken were representative women such as Mrs. Bramwell Booth or Miss Royden to preach in Anglican churches with the permission of the bishop. Such invitations to women to preach in the parish church of Birmingham as have recently been issued with my cordial approval are justified by another resolution of the Lambeth Conference of 1920. One of the most impressive portions of the Encyclical Letter issued by the Conference was that which dealt with the ministry of women . . .

"At the parish church of Birmingham women duly qualified and approved by myself have spoken at the series of exceptional mid-week services arranged by the rector. Large congregations have assembled to hear them. They have used their especial gifts for the spiritual welfare of the city. No cause of offence has been given by their ministry. I conceive that I should be hindering the spread of true religion were I to prohibit such invitations as the rector has issued. Neither in this manner nor as regards sermons by Free Church ministers from the pulpits of our churches am I prepared to repudiate the Lambeth resolutions. The cause of Christian reunion I have deeply at heart. I earnestly desire that the Church shall make the fullest possible use of the religious gifts of educated women. For these reasons I must renrn a decisive negative to the requests implicit in the resolutions which you have sent to me."

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The Rt Rev E.W. Barnes FRS (1874-1953), "the stormy petrel of the episcopate", was a mathematical scholar of distinction. As Bishop of Birmingham from 1924 to 1953 he was frequently involved in controversy.



PHARMACEUTICALS

Drugs that resist recession

Thanks to scientific endeavour over 40 years, the British drug industry can hold its head up — even in bad times. George Sivell reports

The pharmaceutical industry is that rare instance of a British success story. It has recorded a balance of trade surplus every year for the past 40 years and should have contributed about £1.3 billion in 1992. Exports are projected to reach £2.9 billion, up 26 per cent on the previous year. Imports for 1992 are projected at £1.6 billion.

In terms of overseas earnings, the British pharmaceutical industry is second only to power generating and ahead of petroleum and transport equipment. Of the top 50 drug companies in the world six are British, against 15 American, seven German, ten Japanese and four Swiss. The British giants are Glaxo, SmithKline Beecham, Wellcome, ICI — whose pharmaceutical division is called Zeneca — Boots, and Fisons.

Four of the top ten prescribed medicines around the world were discovered in Britain: Zantac, the anti-ulcer drug developed by Glaxo; Tagamet, the anti-ulcer drug produced by SmithKline; Tenormin, a heart drug developed by ICI; and Ventolin, the asthma drug produced by Glaxo.

Britain owes its position largely to scientific endeavour. Research and development spending has grown markedly. In the 1950s it was about 5 per cent of company turnover but has gradually risen to an average of about 15 per cent in 1989 and up to 18 per cent last year. About £1.3 billion was invested in research last year. About 87,000 people are employed in the British pharmaceutical industry directly and another 250,000 indirectly in advertising, production, contracting and outside suppliers.

The European Community remains Britain's main pharmaceutical trading partner, accounting for almost half of all British exports and supplying 68 per cent of imports. Germany accounted for 20 per cent of total imports. Exports to America rose 41.7 per cent to £293.5 million last year, while imports ran at £105 million. Exports to Japan reached £125.3 million and imports were just £13.2 million. Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union provide the most promising growth markets.

On the stockmarket the pharmaceutical industry is seen as a good defence sector to be in during recession. In 1991, for example, pharmaceutical industry output increased by 6.8 per cent, while manufacturing industry output fell by 5 per cent.

But there are threats to the industry's long-term profitability. The biggest comes from a revision of patent laws, which protect the discoverer of a drug from sales by a rival company which copies the drug's formula.

As of January 1, however, the European Community granted an extra five years of patent protection to drug companies. The previous law assumed patent protection of 20 years but the first ten years of this are normally taken up by the work needed to get a drug certified. Now European companies can apply for a five-year extension, known in the industry as a supplementary protection certificate, to give 15 years of patent protection.

The European Commission's original proposal was for a ten-year extension but it was opposed by the British government which was worried about the impact on the National Health Service medicines bill. However, Britain's pharmaceutical industry felt it stood to gain more from the commission's original proposal than any other member state.

The industry feels this will affect potential treatments for afflictions such as Alzheimer's disease which, because of the nature of the illness, will take longer than usual to evaluate.



● An engraved panel depicting a rod cell from the retina of the eye catches the attention of 13-year-old George Berry at the Wellcome Centre for Medical Science permanent exhibition, "Science for Life", which conveys the excitement of past, present and future biomedical research. The centre, opened this month in London, adds a new dimension to the Wellcome Trust, which is the world's biggest private charitable foundation dedicated to biomedical science and research. It gives more than the government each year for basic medical research in universities, medical schools and hospitals in the UK.

The British government also proposes to widen the number of drugs on the limited list, which prevents their prescription on the NHS. The limited list first came into action in 1985 and included indigestion remedies through to minor tranquillisers.

It is now proposed to add a range of treatments from anti-diarrhoeal medicines to those dealing with rheumatism. The industry estimates this would affect 600 products, and 20 per cent of all NHS prescriptions. About 200 products in the research pipeline would be affected and £450 million of investment could be cut back, jeopardising between 3,000 and 5,000 jobs.

Fortunately for the British pharmaceutical industry it has diversified well into world markets and can ride out such domestic squalls. But how much should we, a society whose gradually improving health standards are prolonging life, be asked to pay for medicines to stay fit in old age?

Bitter medicine to curb soaring costs

Proposals to cut the health bill are worrying both doctors and drug companies

Last year the National Health Service — through hospitals and family doctors — spent £3.1 billion nationally on drugs — 9.7 per cent of the total NHS expenditure. In England alone, £2.3 billion went on medicines, a 12 per cent rise on the previous year. This year the government expects an increase of 11.5 per cent on last year. It is alarmed at the escalating costs, a point emphasised last November by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, when she said: "Growth at this rate has major implications for public expenditure and if it continued would be at the cost of other health service care."

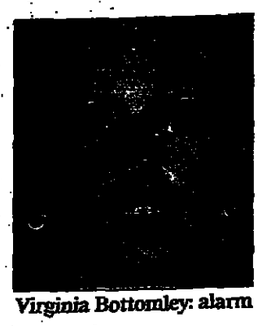
The increase has several reasons. Broadly, the volume of prescriptions has risen and so has the cost per prescription. In 1991, 467.7 million prescriptions were written at an average cost of £7.15, compared with 446.6 million at £6.68 the year before.

Overall prices went up by only 1.7 per cent in 1991, says the industry. New drugs cost more, reflecting an increasing cost of research, but the industry says new medicines accounted for only 1.6 per cent of the growth: there was a volume increase of 8 per cent in older products.

Eighty per cent of prescriptions are issued by GPs, who are meeting immunisation targets. There were 54,000 more childhood immunisations last year than in 1991, for example. There is a rising number of elderly people, the greatest consumers of medicines. And illness increases with unemployment.

To curb costs, the health department has decided on three major steps: to extend the so-called limited list of medicines not allowed on NHS prescriptions; to postpone the introduction of nurse prescribing; and to renegotiate the pharmaceutical price regulation scheme, which limits the profits drug companies can make on NHS sales.

It is nearly eight years since the government introduced the limited list. In 1985 it covered seven categories of medicine, including indigestion remedies, laxatives, cold remedies and tonics. Many could already be bought over the counter in pharmacies and high street stores. There were howls of anguish, from doctors and the pharmaceutical industry, but after some products were "unbanned", opposition died down. Indeed, many people came to see it as a sensible move; some marginal preparations subsequently came off the market.



Virginia Bottomley: alarm

This time, drugs from ten more therapeutic categories are to be included on the blacklist. The groups are: contraceptives, anti-diarrhoeal drugs, allergy drugs, hypnotics and anxiolitics (some sleeping pills fall into this category), appetite suppressants, drugs for vulval and vaginal conditions, drugs for anaemia, skin preparations, drugs for the ear and nose, and anti-rheumatic skin preparations. Together they accounted for more than 74 million prescriptions issued in England in 1991.

From April 1, what ministers describe as the "unnecessarily expensive" medicines in those groups will not be available to NHS patients, unless they pay for them privately. Nobody yet knows which brands will be excluded. The fear, not unfounded, is that older, cheaper medicines will remain and the newer ones — often with fewer side-effects — will be banned, on grounds of expense. The government says that patients will continue to get the treatment they need.

Many medicines in the new groups are on prescription only — all of them in the case of contraceptive pills. Thus if a woman wants to remain with a contraceptive that suits her, she may be faced with having to pay the full price, plus the pharmacist's dispensing fee.

The British Medical Association sees extension of the list as "a necessary evil". But an independent random survey of 400 GPs, commissioned by the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI), suggested last week that, by a majority of three to one, GPs oppose the government plans. They said the proposals would lead to a deterioration in NHS patient care, especially in contraceptive care. Only in the case of appetite suppressants did they say a ban would lead to an improvement.

Today, companies are limited to a 7 per cent return on capital sales to the NHS, well below other comparable countries, according to the ABPI. Dr John Griffin, its director, said last week that after the limited list was introduced in 1985, no new research was undertaken in Britain in the drug categories affected. In the ten proposed categories, there are 190 research projects under way in the UK. The ABPI fears that if companies see a likelihood of any resulting medicines being banned from the NHS, they will either stop doing the research or take it overseas. Not only would patients lose, but so would the Treasury — from the export contribution pharmaceuticals make to Britain's balance of payments.

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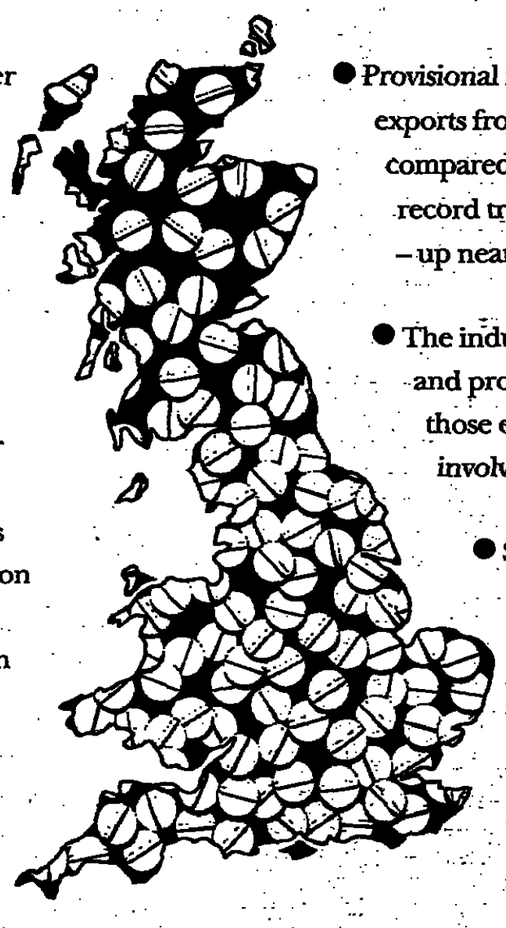
Prescription for recovery

In these tough and critical times for the nation's ailing economy, Britain's pharmaceutical companies are leading the country back to the road to recovery.

● The money spent in the UK on medicines per person per day is **15 pence** compared with £1.12 on alcohol, 46 pence on smoking, 23 pence on newspapers and £2.10 on food.

● The number of NHS prescription items written for UK patients per year is 7.6 compared with 38 in France, 20.1 in Italy, 17.1 in Portugal, 14.8 in Spain, 12 in Germany and 9.3 in Belgium.

● In NHS hospitals the money spent on medicines per day is £1.1 million compared with £1.12 million on catering; £1.71 million on administration; £2.24 million on estate management; £4.1 million on medical staff; and £13.4 million on nurses and midwives.



● Provisional figures for 1992 show that pharmaceutical exports from the UK totalled £2,954 million compared with imports of £1,652 million yielding a record trade 'surplus' of more than £1,300 million – up nearly 10 per cent on the previous year.

● The industry employs nearly 88,000 people directly and provides jobs for up to 250,000 indirectly. Of those employed directly over 18,000 are scientists involved in innovative medicines research.

● Spending on UK pharmaceutical research and development last year exceeded £1.3 billion representing nearly 18 per cent of total turnover compared with two per cent for the rest of manufacturing industry.

That is why the pharmaceuticals sector is a major asset and the 'jewel in the nation's industrial crown'.

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The average time between the discovery of a useful product and the issue of a licence to market it is ten to twelve years

No short cuts to research success

Forty-eight of the top 50 drugs in the world are of synthetic origin. In addition, three out of five of the most frequently prescribed medicines in the world were discovered and developed in British laboratories.

As a rule of thumb, the process of creating an effective medicine happens in five stages, starting with identification and tests to confirm that the initial discovery is a novel active ingredient. Since the hunt for synthetic drugs began, the catalogue of newly-created molecules has grown beyond ten million. The largest drug companies have produced about 250,000 each. Yet at any time, only three or four are being pursued seriously for further development. Stage two is a process of chemical fine-tuning of a hopeful substance, modifying the molecule to tailor its therapeutic potency and its selectivity to targeting a specific infection or illness.

Then follows the conversion of a test-tube process into a technology for making the active molecule in bulk, using prototype plant to demonstrate the feasibility of industrial operation. Finally, chemical engineers design and build large-scale plant to make the active molecule, and then formulate and package a finished pharmaceutical in the form of tablet, capsule or liquid dispensed by the high street chemist.

Meanwhile, work will have begun on the long series of safety experiments from products made at the prototype stage. All new pharmaceuticals must pass a series of mandatory animal and human safety tests before the clinical trials which must demonstrate that the claimed medical benefits are true.

There is no short cut. The average time between discovering a useful product and getting a licence to market it is between ten to 12 years. Over the past decade, spending worldwide on research and development by the pharmaceutical industry has multiplied by four to an estimated £16.6 billion last year. Drug companies are under the same economic pressure as other industrialists, but they have additional factors that influence the costs of research and development.

Even with advanced computer graphics and other aids of information technology which let scientists almost pre-design molecules on a video screen, the search for pharmacologically useful substances gets more difficult.

Both giants of the industry, Glaxo, in Britain, and Merck, Sharpe and Dome, in America, provide examples of the spread of technology into every corner of pharmaceutical research and computer design of molecules, clinical trials, manufacturing and marketing.

Glaxo is even studying the possible use of virtual reality (VR) systems. The company is funding experiments done in collaboration with Dr Ron Hubbard, of York University, and the research company, Division.

Instead of sitting in front of a computer screen, a scientist wears a VR helmet with special goggles. The effect is like walking through the computer screen to be surrounded by the image. The object is to understand such complex molecules as proteins.

Information technology is employed by Merck to streamline the clinical trials, partly because of the immense task of collating data from many areas of the world. With its ClinNet global computer network introduced four years ago, Merck provides immediate contact between the doctors with whom it is working and its own specialists on the progress of thousands of patients.

There is more to the growing complexity of drug development than the fact that chemists have exhausted the repertoire of each molecule waiting to be found. Other trends are adding to the complexity of research and development work. Two examples illustrate a greater involvement, at the research and development phase, of the regulatory agencies that monitor the safety of new drugs.

The regulating agencies are increasingly involved in monitoring the early stages of turning an elaborate molecule into a widely prescribed pharmaceutical.

Technical reasons lie behind the trend. An example is the issue of the left-hand and right-hand forms of many molecules, or the property of chirality. The fact that chiral substances are a mixture of two molecules, mirror images of each other, is more than a mere curiosity.

While one form of the molecule may be pharmacologically beneficial, its mirror image may be inactive or even harmful, as with thalidomide. Regularity authorities no longer accept right-hand and left-hand mixtures.

Yet while physically distinctive, chirals are chemically identical. Separating left and right from mixtures by routine chemistry is difficult. It is preferable to perfect a manufacturing route that produces only the desired form. Hence, the process for making a new drug must be test-manufactured to a level of finesse normally found only on bulk production plant.

PEARCE WRIGHT

Experiences worth learning from

Researchers need not have ulcers worrying about the future if they go to the roots of the problem, says **Pearce Wright**

An inevitable rise in demand for treatments for arthritis, coronary heart disease and illnesses related to the central nervous system is forecast in a recent study by Datamonitor, the consumer research and survey organisation. The study sees this as a simple consequence of the aging of the post-war baby-boomers; but it also provides a pointer to where success may lie for pharmaceutical firms in the next 30 years.

It is easy to see that as the baby-boomers, who are now in their fifties, grow older, there will be an increase in the (largely predictable) chronic complaints that inflict an aging population with the life-style of industrialised countries, and that this is bound to influence the pharmaceutical market.

> The aging of the baby-boomers provides a pointer

Less easy to predict are the precise advances in drug development and other therapies that will best meet that demand on health care.

Changes in the treatment of gastric ulcers do, however, illustrate how drug developments follow advances in scientific understanding of a given disease.

Nearly 10 per cent of the UK population suffers from duodenal ulcers and a slightly smaller number from gastric attacks.

Only 25 years ago relief, such as it was, depended on attacking the symptoms with the blandest diet, over-the-counter antacid potions, sedatives, rest and eventually surgery.

So the first H_2-blocker, which was discovered by Sir James Black in 1976, seemed to be something of a miracle drug. (Sir James is Britain's most successful drug discoverer — he later went on to develop beta-blockers to reduce high blood pressure.) H_2-blockers prevent gastric acid secretion by locking onto H_2-histamine receptors, the part of the cells lining the stomach which trigger acid release if stimulated. This was the first example of rational design of a substance targeted at the underlying biochemical defect causing the disease.

The market in the industrialised countries for anti-ulcer drugs in 1991 was worth $7.8 billion; Glaxo's Zantac, the all-time best-selling pharmaceutical, reached nearly $3 billion worldwide that year. Over the past few years prescriptions for this class of drug, the H_2-receptor antagonists, soared because they provided a dramatically more effective approach to healing ulcers.

Subsequently proton pump inhibitors were conceived not just to relieve symptoms but to reach closer to the cause of the complaint. These inhibitors block an even earlier reaction in cells, stopping formation of protons (hydrogen ions that are otherwise released from the lining of the stomach and can cause too high an acidity).

Development of proton pumps has brought a long-established but lesser known company, Astra Pharmaceuticals, to prominence with its drug Losec, based on omeprazole. If forecasts made by Datamonitor are fulfilled, by 1995 the number of prescriptions for proton pumps, in particular Astra's, could approach those for H_2-receptors. Last year sale of Losec reached $1 billion.

Other anti-ulcer drugs are based on prostaglandins. These naturally occurring hormone-type molecules form a relatively small part of the ulcer-healing market, and have other medical applications. Prostaglandins were identified in the body a long time ago, but their mechanisms are still being explored by biochemists because of the variety of their activities, which influence blood pressure and muscle contraction.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Success story: not only did Sir James Black discover a valuable treatment for gastric ulcers, he also helped develop the first beta-blockers for high blood pressure

Later refinements have captured the larger share of the market. But while the H_2-blockers dominate treatment for peptic ulcers, research continues on other, newer substances.

Millions of sufferers can testify that treatment with H_2-blockers gives spectacular relief. Even so, there are limits to their performance. They only hold the condition at bay and the majority of ulcers will recur once treatment is stopped.

Meanwhile the experts are debating the part played by a common micro-organism, *Helicobacter pylori*, in causing or aggravating stomach ulcers. There are powerful arguments suggesting that eradication of *H. pylori* by an antibiotic, perhaps combined with a blocker, might be a better route to a cure or, at least, prolonged freedom from the disease. In its development work, Astra has targeted its proton pump for a combination treatment against *H. pylori*.

There are many other experiences to learn from. In treating heart disorders, blood pressure and other cardiovascular disease, there are four classes of drug which form nearly 70 per cent of prescriptions: calcium channel blockers, ACE (angiotensin converting enzyme) inhibitors, lipid-lowering drugs and beta-blockers. The top cardiovascular world seller in 1991 was an ACE inhibitor from Merck.

Search goes on



New hope: the European yew provides a valuable drug

London is to get one of the most advanced clinical research centres

THE Medical Research Council, Wellcome Trust and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, at Hammersmith hospital, have joined forces in a £25 million project, creating one of the most advanced clinical research centres in the world. First details of its work will be described in London tomorrow by Dr Kay Davies, a leading researcher in inherited diseases of childhood and prenatal diagnosis of disorders, who has been appointed the MRC's director of research, at Hammersmith, *Pearce Wright writes.*

The venture should go some way to soften criticism published last August by the Institute of Scientific Information showing a serious decline in clinical medicine research in the UK. The need for the new Clinical Science Centre is just one indicator of the disorders that remain stubbornly resistant to treatment.

An insight into schizophrenia came earlier this month with the desperate plight of Ben Silcock, the man who climbed into the lions' cage at London zoo. But there is some optimism for the treatment of a significant proportion of sufferers who are victims of therapy-resistant schizophrenia. It is also the outcome of intensive clinical research.

The advance involves the revival of a 25-year-old drug, called Clozaril, which could be used only sparingly before it led to neutropenia (damage of white blood cells).

Each prescription is dispensed only after a patient's blood has been checked by a central Clozaril patient monitoring service, organised by the pharmaceutical firm Sandoz. This system of linking blood test analysis with the writing of prescriptions has established a unique form of co-operation between patient, psychiatrist and pharmacist.

A new drug that is making enormous headway in clinical trials in anti-cancer therapy is a natural substance extracted from needles of the European yew tree. The biologically active molecule, 10-deacetylbaccatin III, is the basis of a compound called Taxotere developed by the Rhône-Polenc Rorer pharmaceutical group. The drug, generally known as taxol, is proving invaluable in fighting cases of ovarian, breast and other cancers.

Companies can feel more secure about their discoveries

Ways to protect that product

When the first prescriptions are written for a new medicine, the patients are only the latest of a long line of recipients of a piece of paper describing the medication they are to swallow *(Pearce Wright writes)*. The paper trail can have begun as long as ten or 12 years earlier: the instant a pharmaceutical company believed its scientists had synthesised a molecule showing the properties of a potential wonder drug.

In a typical year, the research laboratory of a giant pharmaceutical company will synthesize 2,000 to 3,000 new chemical entities in the hope of finding one with useful medicinal properties.

Only a handful go on to preliminary testing, with about one in 10,000 eventually reaching the market as a proprietary drug. Estimates for the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry suggest the cost of unearthing an important innovative medicine grew from £50 million in 1985 to £150 million in 1992.

For patenting purposes, the new molecule becomes an invention. But a request for a patent, describing a new molecule and its possibilities in pharmacological terms, is the start of a paper chase that will continue throughout the useful life of the substance.

A mountain of documents will follow its development. Patents form just a part. Reports are compiled on compulsory tests in the laboratory and on volunteer guinea pigs before permission is given for prescriptions to be written.

Drug companies must convince the government's Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM), that the results of research are designed to reveal both the benefits and side-effects of a new medicine. While the CSM is the patient's principal watchdog, other regulatory agencies have to approve aspects of the pharmaceutical company's activities.

Compared with the excitement of a new discovery and the patients' expectations, there is less public awareness of the manufacturing activity which makes it all possible.

> A request for a patent is the start of a paper chase

Production of pharmaceuticals is subject to controls, equally stringent as the CSM's, covered by the health and safety at work regulations and by mandatory environmental standards.

The pharmaceutical companies thought their paperwork would increase with the harmonisation of regulations brought about by the internal European market. In fact, some of the key measures have yet to be introduced, such as standard pan-European regulations for the packaging, and the format for labels and instruction leaflets with medicine packs. Those rules come into force in January, 1994. Then, all medical products will have to be dispensed in an original pack together with an instruction sheet in the required format.

The change will have a big impact on Britain. An unusually high proportion of drugs are delivered to the pharmacists in bulk and later decanted into brown bottles.

A great bonus of harmonisation came with a proposal to restore dwindling patent protection on medicines. The arrangement, now enshrined in an EC directive, is for a system of supplementary protection certificates, SPCs, for pharmaceutical products.

The issue of patent protection was a matter of concern long before plans for an internal market were raised. It dates back to reforms in the 1977 Patents Act, when patent life for all products was extended from 16 years to 20 years, in line with the European Patent Convention.

A feature of that legislation, which was peculiar to the UK, was the provision of licences of right. These enabled "copying" companies to apply for licences during the extra four years of patent protection conferred on existing products already on the market in 1977. The system of licences of right was abolished in 1988.

In principle, patent protection gives a company 20 years to exploit an invention before others are free to market their own version. Since ten and 12 years may elapse between applying for a patent and satisfying the CSM, obviously as little as eight years of patent protection may remain.

Now, if a product has spent that long in development, a manufacturer can apply to the EC for an SPC, which gives a patent extension for up to five years: but it is still restricted only to the country where the drug was first registered.

No cancer research...

...will ever find new ways to launch a direct attack on tumours

...and provide adjuncts which allow existing treatments to achieve their full potential

...at the same time as developing medicines which simply make the suffering more tolerable.

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THE TIMES TODAY

TUESDAY JANUARY 26 1993

NEWS

Croats capture key airport

■ Croatian commandos captured the strategic Zemunik airport on the Dalmatian coast as their four-day-old offensive into a UN-monitored buffer zone gathered momentum.

The latest fighting around the Serb enclave of Krajina prompted the rump Yugoslavia to place its Serb-dominated federal army on a high combat alert. But despite the clashes Serb and Croat leaders continued their search for peace in talks with Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance..... **Pages 1,5,12,17**

Economy on mend, Major says

■ John Major struck an optimistic note about the economy, pointing to a surge in industrial confidence, though other indicators suggest the economy remains weak. Ministers are putting the most positive interpretation on any optimistic signs, to boost public confidence..... **Pages 1,23,24,27**

Telephone scare

American makers of cellular phones were deluged with calls from worried customers after widespread but unproven suggestions that the instruments can cause brain cancer..... **Page 1**

Prince says "No"

The Prince of Wales has declined an offer from the Press Complaints Commission to take part in an enquiry into the so-called *Camillagate tape. Buckingham* Palace said..... **Page 1**

Powergen's rights

Powergen, one of Britain's two generating companies, has won sole negotiating rights to buy half the coal industry of the former East Germany and save the jobs of 16,000 east German miners..... **Page 1**

Cancer vaccine trial

The first vaccine designed to protect against cancer is expected to go on clinical trial soon. It could be the forerunner of a range of vaccines to prevent cancer **Page 8**

TV film in court

The Home Office opposed in the High Court Central Television's plea to broadcast a four-minute interview with mass murderer *Dennis Nilsen in a documentary* on serial killers..... **Page 5**

Change in police

South Africa is making a determined effort to change its police from brutal enforcers of apartheid into a community-oriented team of crime fighters... **Page 13**

Kohl under attack

As opposition grows in eastern and western Germany to the government's austerity package to finance the rebuilding of former East Germany, Helmut Kohl's leadership is under attack from leaders of his own Christian Democratic party.. **Page 11**

Pit rescues balance

John Major must weigh the merits of two five-year, multimillion-*pound rescue packages for* Britain's coal industry to be handed to him by two parliamentary committees at the end of the week..... **Page 10**

East End to West End

Audiences in London's East End were so impressed with *The Invisible Man* at their local theatre that they raised £250,000 to buy it, bypassing the big-money producers and exporting the show into the West End..... **Page 6**

Farmers in protest

Maurice Hall leaves the Cumbrian uplands for Westminster today, when he joins 200 hill *farmers in a lobby of Parliament* against the decision to shear £20 million off subsidies paid to sheep farmers in "severely disadvantaged areas"..... **Page 8**

Over-60s booming

Britain's over-60s are the most active, cultured and sociable in Europe, according to a new survey, which finds that they feel they have won a new lease on life despite an establishment determined to sideline them.. **Page 6**

Hawaiian Chuck makes sumo history

■ With a devastating 33-stone charge and a swift uppercut to the chin, Akebono, 23, known as Chuck Rowan when he lived in Hawaii, assured himself of a place in Japan's history books as the first foreigner to win sumo wrestling's top and most jealously guarded rank of *yokozuna* (grand champion). The wrestling establishment is shocked..... **Page 13**



A bridge regained: men of the Croatian National Guard celebrating taking the Maslenica bridge in Krajina, key link between north and south Croatia. The area was won from Serb fighters after Croats broke a 12-month UN peace and sparked fears of a new war. **Page 1**

Wage trend: Pay settlements are responding to falling inflation, according to an analysis by the independent pay research company. Incomes Data Services, which suggests that most 1993 settlements are 2 to 5 per cent..... **Page 23**

Money supply: M4, a measure of bank lending, fell 0.1 per cent in December, showing weak demand *for consumer and business* credit..... **Page 23**

Markets: The absence of an early cut in interest rates gave sterling a lift. The pound rose 3.58c to $1.5595 and 1.17pf to 2.4511 marks. FT-SE 100 share index fell 9.3 to 2,771.9 on further gloomy economic news..... **Page 26**

Cricket: Wasim Akram, the Lancashire all-rounder, was appointed Pakistan captain in succession to Javed Miandad, who captained Pakistan to victory in England last summer, but his side have played badly in one-day cricket this winter..... **Page 40**

Tennis: Hot baths and electricity allowed an injured Stefan Edberg to reach the last eight of the Australian Open. The former Wimbledon champion beat Arnaud Boetsch 6-2 6-3 6-2..... **Page 42**

Rugby union: Waterloo, who have knocked Bath and Orrell out of the Pilkington Cup at Blundellsands, are home to Harlequins in the last eight. In Wales, St Peter's reward for beating Cardiff is a home tie against Bonymaen..... **Page 42**

Family fortunes: Does encouragement *make any difference, or do* children arrive with pre-programmed limits? Jerome Burne reports on research which suggests that nature, rather than nurture, dictates the development of children..... **Page 15**

The bare facts: "It is only fair that I should expose myself personally, because I am a testimonial for the causes I promote. Personal vanity *has nothing to do with this.* After a certain age one does not expose one's nudity for vanity," says Luciano Benetton on his company's latest campaign..... **Page 14**

Screen wars: CinemaScope was Hollywood's 1953 counterblast to television. The victor is clear, but the wide-screen film-making process still has a few adherents. Next month's Berlin Film Festival has a retrospective salute..... **Page 37**

German echoes: Paris is home to an exhibition of the German Expressionists of the early decades of *this century*, whose style and approach owed much to Gauguin, Matisse and the Fauves... **Page 37**

Missing Persons person: Christine Nicholls has edited *Missing Persons*, a supplement to the Dictionary of National Biography devoted to some of the many eminent figures unjustly omitted... **Page 39**

Fundamental principles: Several recent well-publicised trials have drawn attention to the strains imposed by large and complex fraud cases. Jeremy Roberts, QC, argues for reforms to the system.. **Page 33**

Legal harmony: Europe took form not at Maastricht but at Zaandau, with litigation over a 1960 shipment of ureaformaldehyde. Andrew Butler's winner in the 1992 Times Law Awards..... **Page 35**

Resisting recession: Thanks to scientific endeavour over 40 years, the British drug industry can hold its head up, even in bad times. A special report..... **Pages 20,21**



Sir James McKinnon, industry regulator, attacked British Gas's investment cut as the company signed a £100m project for Bombay **Page 23**



Constable Kirste Snellgrove, 23, of Rayleigh, Essex, who was beaten senseless with a baseball bat as colleagues listened on her radio **Page 2**



Stacey Queripel, 7, who left home after an argument, died when her necklace caught on a branch and strangled her, police believe **Page 3**



Jon Pall Sigmarsson, the Icelander who was world's strongest man four times, died of a heart attack perhaps caused by anabolic steroids **Page 3**

Serial killers and strategies to catch them are explored in the *Viewpoint 93* documentary, *Murder in Mind* (ITV, 10.40pm)..... **Page 43**

Forces for peace

History and geography have been invoked against British involvement. Yet because the Balkans are the plates where the cultures of Europe clash, whether the peace of Europe depends on peaceful accommodation or on war, Britain has a part to play. National interest in the maintenance of the rule of law is not a luxury. The government needs to find the courage, and its own Stoic steadiness of purpose, to make that case..... **Page 17**

BERNARD LEVIN

Who instigated? Who knew? Who denied? Who covered up? These are the four crucial questions that must be answered, if British Airways is not to fly forever trailing a miasma of corruption behind it. So far, they show no inclination to answer any of the questions, let *alone all four, and they seem* to believe that if they just sit tight the storm will blow itself out. Could there be a greater misapprehension?..... **Page 16**

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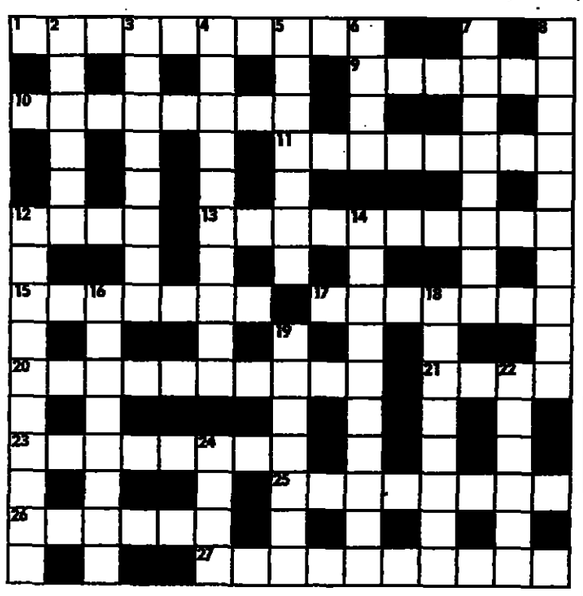
August 15, 1947, was the day when India "won" her independence. "Won" independence, my eye. The moment the Government of India Act 1935 was passed against vigorous opposition by Churchill, Indian independence was there for the asking ... The Viceroy's Council could have been a cabinet composed of Indian politicians with the Viceroy retaining relatively unimportant reserve powers rarely, if ever, to be used. India need never have been divided..... **Page 16**

A London hospital where an air ambulance is based defends its use *in the transport of accident* victims..... **Page 17**

With the passing of the cold War Angola shed any strategic significance. The outside world, President Soares of Portugal warns, is tempted *to shrug and turn away. He has* made an impassioned plea for the Angolan rivals to meet and spare their nation. Other nations should help in facilitating that appeal

The Washington Post

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ACROSS

1 Some schoolboys, outstanding in being too tidy (5-5).
9 Bloody clots! *They're blocking a* vital passage (6).
10 Live by farming — it can be tolerated (8).
11 Revered person encircled, ready to receive a bow (8).
12 Part of guitar showing wear (4).
13 Second sweater for fielder? (5,5).
15 Seen in law centre, attempting to sue (7).
17 Flattering cloth (7).
20 Split damaged a church tied up with *this* (5-5).
21 Identity document not showing full face? (4).
23 Its value may go up as it comes down (8).
25 With no end of annoyance, I am seeing poor pictures (8).
26 Start of Jane Eyre could be academic (6).
27 Russian property in Georgia once? (5,5).

DOWN

2 The first turn of the corkscrew *(6).*
3 At last, prosperous tradesman can afford a racer (8).
4 Rendering of 'Home Sweet Home' when getting plastered? (6-4).
5 The corporate state? (7).
6 Highly-charged cry of dismay (4).
7 Let off, as a matter of fact (8).
8 Christmas show, recalled in fall (10).
12 Cor! Blow me! (6,4).
14 Anyway, it's the last meal he ordered (3,3,4).
16 Very hot about figurative use of words (8).
18 One loves to be involved in books (8).
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.6	0.05	7	45	snow
Anglesey	2.2	0.01	9	48	bright
Aviemore	1.1	0.99	3	37	snow
Belfast	1.4	0.11	5	41	sleet
Birmingham	0.3	0.01	9	48	hail
Bognor Regis	1.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Bournemouth	0.3	-	10	50	cloudy
Bristol	1.5	0.02	10	50	bright
Buxton	0.2	0.13	7	45	dull
Cardiff	2.5	0.04	9	48	shower
Clacton	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Cromer	6.0	0.02	9	48	sunny
Douglas	-	0.11	7	45	rain
Edinburgh	3.4	0.39	6	43	sleet
Eskdalemuir	0.4	0.64	5	41	snow
Exmouth	1.7	0.02	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	9.3	0.02	x	x	cloudy
Folkestone	0.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Glasgow	1.7	0.38	7	45	hail
Guernsey	-	0.02	12	54	cloudy
Hastings	1.3	0.01	9	48	cloudy
Hunstanton	4.3	-	8	46	sunny
Jersey	1.6	0.06	12	54	bright
Leeds	2.5	0.11	8	46	shower
Lerwick	2.9	0.44	3	37	snow
Littlehampton	1.4	-	11	52	bright
Liverpool	0.4	0.09	7	45	hail
London	2.1	0.02	11	52	bright
Lowestoft	3.1	0.01	9	48	gale
Manchester	0.4	0.02	8	46	hail
Margate	x	-	11	52	cloudy
Minehead	2.0	0.04	10	50	shower
Morecambe	0.5	0.12	7	45	sleet
Newcastle	4.9	0.09	7	45	sunny
Newquay	-	0.01	11	52	dull
Nottingham	2.3	0.08	8	46	shower
Penzance	1.2	0.02	11	52	gale
Plymouth	-	0.07	10	50	shower
Poole	0.7	-	11	52	cloudy
Stornoway	0.5	0.04	11	52	cloudy
Scarborough	5.2	0.07	8	46	sunny
Scilly Isles	2.2	0.01	10	50	shower
Shanklin	0.1	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Southend	x	0.01	x	x	sunny
Southsea	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Stornoway	0.4	0.33	4	39	snow
Stranraer	0.2	0.01	11	52	shower
Teignmouth	0.4	0.03	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	2.0	0.01	10	50	cloudy
Tiree	0.8	0.22	6	43	hail
Torquay	0.9	0.04	11	52	cloudy
Wick	0.9	0.41	3	37	snow
Worthing	1.1	-	11	52	cloudy

X denotes not available

The extreme north of Scotland and the islands will have some heavy rain, with snow on hills. Central and southern Scotland will have a lot of cloud and some rain, with bright spells. Northern Ireland will have a wet morning with heavy rain at times, but it will become brighter. Wales and much of England apart from the east will be cloudy. Rain will reach all areas by early afternoon. It will be brighter later. Outlook: cloudy, milder, with some rain.





London 4.39 pm to 7.46 am
Bristol 4.49 pm to 7.57 am
Edinburgh 4.33 pm to 8.17 am
Manchester 4.40 pm to 8.02 am
Penzance 5.06 pm to 8.03 am

Sun rises: 7.48 am
Sun sets: 4.39 pm
Moon rises 8.49 am
Moon sets 9.05 pm
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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	2	36	c	Guernsey	6	43	c
B'mingham	3	37	c	Inverness	2	36	f
Blackpool	4	39	f	Jersey	7	45	c
Bristol	6	43	c	London	5	41	c
Cardiff	6	43	c	M'nchester	4	39	f
Edinburgh	1	34	s	Newcastle	1	34	s
Glasgow	2	36	s	R'nidaway	3	37	c

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	c	Madrid	8	46	s
Akrotiri	15	59	c	Majorca	16	60	f
Alex'dria	16	61	s	Malaga	12	54	s
Algiers	15	59	f	Malta	15	59	f
Amst'dm	5	41	c	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Athens	17	63	s	Miami*	26	79	f
Bahrain	15	59	s	Milan	5	41	fg
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	2	36	c
Barbados*	26	79	f	Moscow	-7	19	f
Barcelna	11	52	c	Munich	5	41	f
Beirut	17	63	f	Naples	13	55	c
Belgrade	13	55	c	N Delhi	19	66	s
Berlin	3	37	h	N York*	11	52	s
Bermuda*	22	72	s	Nice	14	57	s
Biarritz	12	54	r	Oslo	-2	28	c
Borde'x	12	54	f	Paris	6	43	c
Brussels	3	37	f	Peking	6	43	s
Budapst	9	48	s	Perth	33	91	s
B Aires*	28	79	c	Prague	3	37	f
Cairo	17	63	f	Reykjavik	1	34	f
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Rhodes	15	59	f
Chicago*	0	32	s	Rio de J	39	102	s
Ch'church	19	66	f	Riyadh	16	61	s
Cologne	3	37	c	Rome	14	57	f
C'pdagn	2	36	c	Salzburg	2	36	f
Corfu	14	57	f	S F'isco*	11	52	f
Dublin	5	41	c	Santiago*	29	84	s
Dubrownik	12	54	c	S Paulo*	25	77	c
Faro	17	63	s	Seoul	6	41	f
Florence	11	52	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Frankfurt	4	39	f	St'kholm	-3	27	f
Funchal	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	6	43	f
Geneva	9	48	c	Sydney	22	72	c
Gibraltar	17	63	s	Tangier	16	61	s
Helsinki	-4	25	sn	Tel Aviv	15	59	f
Hong K	16	61	s	Toronto*	1	34	sn
Innsbruck	7	45	s	Tokyo	6	43	r
Istanbul	14	57	s	Toronto*	1	34	sn
Jeddah	28	79	s	Tunis	16	61	f
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Valencia	14	57	s
L Palmas	18	64	s	Vanc'ver*	4	39	r
Le Touet	6	43	f	Venice	4	39	fg
Lisbon	14	57	s	Vienna	4	39	f
Locarno	13	55	s	Warsaw	3	37	c
London	5	41	c	Wash'ton*	13	55	r
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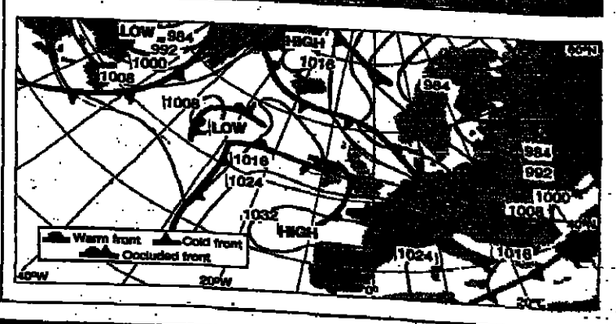
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London Bridge	2.43	6.9	3.07	7.0
Aberdeen	2.13	4.0	2.11	4.2
Avonmouth	8.15	12.9	8.33	12.7
Belfast			noon	3.6
Cardiff	8.00	12.0	8.18	11.7
Devonport	6.37	5.4	6.55	5.1
Dover			12.07	6.3
Falmouth	6.07	5.2	6.25	4.9
Glasgow	1.50	4.3	2.00	4.8
Harwich	12.35	3.8	12.59	3.8
Holyhead	11.15	6.6	11.37	5.2
Hull	7.23	6.9	7.23	7.4
Ilfracombe	6.55	8.0	7.10	8.7
King's Lynn	7.03	6.2	7.29	6.6
Leith	3.39	5.3	3.39	5.4

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	mdnt	8.9	12.14	9.3
Lowestoft	10.46	2.2	10.30	2.5
Margate	12.42	4.6	1.19	4.5
Milford Haven	7.12	4.9	7.27	5.6
Newquay	6.02	6.9	6.17	6.7
Oban	6.37	4.1	6.48	3.9
Penzance	5.34	5.5	5.54	5.2
Portland	7.36	2.1	7.57	1.9
Portsmouth	12.07	4.8	12.11	4.6
Shoreham			12.03	6.0
Southampton	11.49	4.3		
Swansea	7.10	9.4	7.30	9.1
Tees	4.42	5.0	4.44	5.3
Wilton-on-Nze	12.27	4.0	12.52	4.0

Sunday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.93in; highest sunshine: Cromer, Norfolk, 6hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 3C (37F); min 6pm to 6am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.06in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.7hr.

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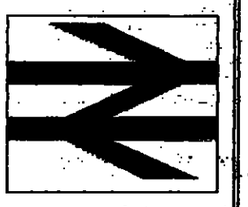
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British Rail's suppliers are increasingly concerned that rail privatisation plans are putting jobs at risk and threatening investment
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Shares in DAF, the Dutch vehicle maker, have been suspended ahead of wide-ranging restructuring plans due today
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US $ ..... 1.5395 (+0.0958)
German mark ..2.4511 (+0.0117)
Exchange Index ..... 80.4 (+0.7)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2771.9 (-9.3)
Dow Jones .3290.31 (+33.50)*
Nikkei Aver ..16287.45 (-49.36)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 7%
3-month Interbank..... 7⅛-7%
US Federal Funds 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.85-2.93%*
Long Bond 7.25%*

CURRENCIES

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London Forex market close

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Close 328.60-329.00
New York:
Comex 328.25-328.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....139.2 December (2.6%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Broad money growth falls to record low

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A second monthly fall in bank lending and poor order books suggest that the economy was still very weak ahead of the latest sharp rise in business confidence

A SERIES of contradictory economic indicators suggested yesterday that activity remains subdued. There has, however, been a sharp rise in business confidence that may reinforce cautious voices at the Treasury arguing against an immediate cut in interest rates.

The weakest of yesterday's figures was a 0.1 per cent fall in December's broad money supply — M4, which mostly reflects bank lending. Annual growth in M4 fell to 3.7 per cent, below the government's 4 per cent to 8 per cent monitoring range and the lowest growth rate since monthly records began. There is some sign of a pick-up in demand for mortgages, backed up by Building Society Association figures showing a small rise in net new commitments in December, but demand for credit from companies remains weak.

Total sterling lending in December by large British banks to the private sector fell by more than £1.7 billion, seasonally adjusted, the second decline in four months. The British Bankers' Association said the only glimmer of light came from mortgage lending; companies again repaid debt in December. There was some resumption of borrowing by consumers, but it was much weaker than in previous Decembers.

There is now a sharp divergence in the two money supply indicators looked at most closely by the government and used as a guide to interest-rate policy. M4 has fallen below its monitoring range while narrow money — M0 — is likely to have risen above its target range of 0 to 4 per cent. Provisional figures for January are to be published next week.

M0 has been seized on by the government as a sign of revived consumer activity. Above-target growth is bound to give rise to caution on cutting interest rates, however weak other indicators may be.

Detractors of M0, however, point out that the measure's rapidly accelerating growth rate could simply reflect lower interest rates, with more people holding cash balances rather than interest-bearing savings accounts. M4, however, is a fairly clear sign of industry's subdued state.

Reports from employers' groups offered mixed signals. The Building Employers' Confederation report on prospects was gloomy; output and employment are still falling. The Confederation of British Industry's latest industrial trends survey showed that output and exports continue to decline. Against this, the CBI reported a substantial jump in confidence. Bill Martin, chief economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "I would place far more weight on what broad money is doing than CBI confidence surveys, which ask whether people feel better now than four months ago. At that time, companies thought they were falling into the abyss and now somebody has thrown them a rope. No wonder they have bounced."

Other City economists, however, see subtle signs that recovery is on the way.

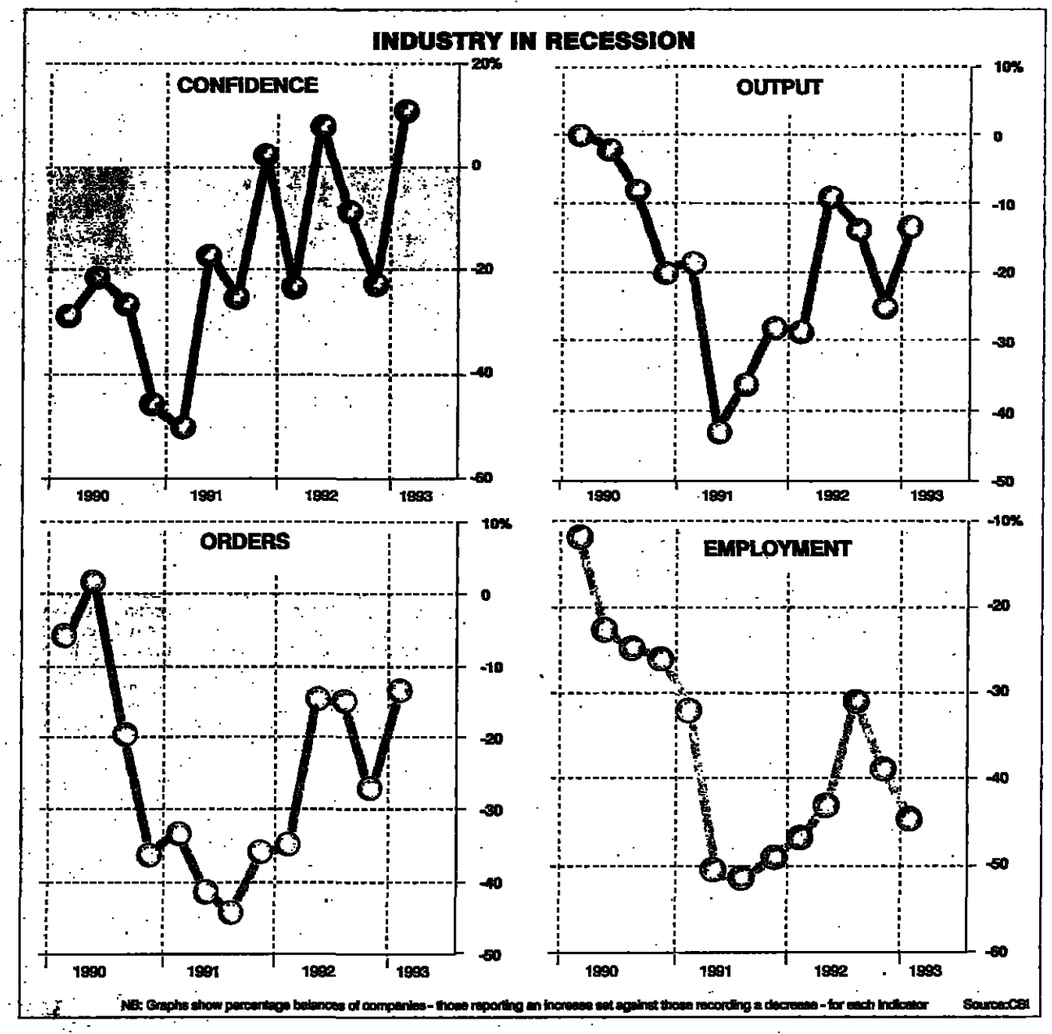
"Bulls on the economy have figures to support their case, and so do the bears," said Paul Turnbull, of Smith New Court. "It is exactly the kind of contradictory evidence that we are seeing at the moment which characterises an economy on the turn."

In the financial markets, sterling rallied, recouping some of last week's losses as dealers judged that improving confidence might deter the Treasury from cutting interest rates.

The pound ended at DM2.4520, compared with DM2.4370 on Friday night. UK Government bonds slipped back, as they traditionally do ahead of an auction, partly to get to a price low enough to attract demand and partly in response to fading hopes of an early interest rate cut.

The Bank of England auctions £2.5 billion of bonds tomorrow, the first funding for the next fiscal year's huge budget financing needs.

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Renewed attack on British Gas

BY ROSS TIERMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Gas is enjoying increasing success in its efforts to expand overseas as pressure continues to mount on earnings at home.

While Bob Evans, the company's chairman, was putting the finishing touches to a £100 million joint venture deal in India yesterday, Sir James McKinnon, the head of Ofgas, was lambasting the company for trimming investment at home.

The regulator's attack came after he met the Society of British Gas Industries to hear their concerns about reduced spending on the UK gas supply business. The society claims turnover among gas equipment manufacturers has slumped by £60 million, causing the loss of 3,000 jobs. Another 3,000 jobs have been lost in service companies, the society says.

Sir James has written to British Gas demanding guarantees that the "apparently arbitrary expenditure cuts" have not led to any decline in the pipeline system that could threaten safety.

"I will want to know whether British Gas is cutting now because it has been investing too much in the past and effectively gold-plating its system, or if it is now investing too little and actually starving the system of essential investment," he said. British Gas responded that it would "never compromise on safety and reliability".

It acknowledged, however, that investment was being scaled back. A fall in the number of new houses being built, and uncertainty about the company's future size and shape, were blamed.

Tension between British Gas and its regulator has been heightened by a long-standing wrangle over the rate of return the company should be allowed to earn on its pipeline system.

A monopolies commission enquiry into the future of the UK gas market, scheduled for completion in April, has been told by Sir James that British Gas should be split into a supply company and a pipeline business to promote competition.

The threat has increased incentives for British Gas to expand overseas. British Gas will have a 35 per cent stake in the Indian gas venture, at Bombay, alongside Gas Authority of India; the government of Maharashtra is a third partner.

Investment by the partners in a supply system for 600,000 people is expected to reach £100 million over the coming decade. British Gas will be looking for similar deals elsewhere in India.

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More humble pie for BA

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AND COLIN NARBROUGH

THE first moves towards ending the public humiliation of British Airways began yesterday when Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive, met Richard Branson, head of Virgin Atlantic, face to face for more than an hour and a half.

The BA chairman-to-be again ate humble pie as he walked up the steps of Mr Branson's home in Holland Park and immediately apologised for the "dirty tricks" used by some of his employees in their battle with Mr Branson's airline.

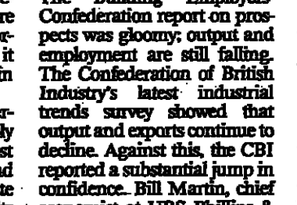
After the meeting neither side would give details of what was discussed, but Mr Branson said that he was "grateful" to Sir Colin for coming to see him and for apologising personally. "He has put the outline of some proposals and people from both our companies will be meeting in an attempt to avoid further action by Virgin" he said.

Although speculation was rife over the weekend that BA might be prepared to provide the maintenance for Virgin's fleet of jumbo jets, this proposal was hardly discussed. Instead, the two are believed to have talked over the new code of conduct, imposed by BA on all their employees, and the way it might be implemented, as well as possible ways in which Virgin aircraft might be able to use take off and landing slots at Heathrow not used by BA or ways in which timetables may be slightly changed to allow Virgin to mount a more effective challenge on many of the major international routes.

Sir Michael Angus, the Whitbread chairman, and leader of the non-executive directors on the BA board, said yesterday that while all the directors had been cleared on involvement in the dirty tricks affair, the board had mandated the executive management to investigate and take whatever action necessary.

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Biffing while Europe's big bang lurks



ANTHONY HARRIS

"Regardless of the something doom
The little somethings play..."

Or words to that effect. There are times when I feel that Bertie Wooster is my lost twin brother — only I have no Jeeves to fill in the blanks. What I am struggling to express is the feeling of impending whatnot that came over me at a conference on international securities market regulation yesterday. What we face is what we Woosters know as an imbroglio, with all the trimmings: a regulatory mess at home, the prospect that we will be left on the platform when EMU gets going, leaving London as a fringe market. And, possibly, in not much more than two years, a single European market with a single set of rules, enforced by people we may not even have met. And if that wasn't enough, trades vanishing onto rival screen systems that can bypass existing markets. It is enough to make any sensible person brood pretty tensely as if his sponsoring uncle was cutting up rough.

Yet what did we hear from one senior regulator? A muscular talk on biffing wrongdoers on the nose (I quote) without fear or favour, as if he was entering for the Great Sermon Handicap; but not a word on Europe. And what do we, or some of us, mainly talk about when we are not at conferences? The silliness of one Brussels directive on insider trading; or the awful unfairness of having to put up good money to compensate the victims of fraud, such as Barlow Clowes, and thus hope at least to keep the confidence of clients too small and innocent to use screens. Times are hard, of course, and paying for someone else's sins is especially hard at such a time; but this really is a case of little somethings playing.

Fortunately there was some blunt realism, too. The most startling example came from Charles Abrams, a securities lawyer — startling because he began just like an ordinary lawyer. "I emphasise that I am not taking part in the self-regulation versus statutory regulation debate... nothing should lead you to think that I am advocating one system or the other, or indeed that there should be only one regulator... or putting forward the views of my firm." And so on. We must regulate without strangulation, interfere but with moderation. My client wasn't there; if he was, he didn't do it, and if he did, he didn't mean to. But this is wholly unfair. Mr Abrams was in fact rolling his sleeves up for some nose-biffing. The powers of the regulators, which he detailed, are really quite awe-inspiring. So why are they widely thought to be inadequate? Because they are inadequately deployed. And he described how. Regulators are too close to their potential victims, and too "old boy" in their approach: long notice of inspections, to give lots of time to bury the bodies, and ill-qualified inspectors when they arrived. Listen a moment.

"If compliance officers have to teach the regulators at every inspection what their business is about, or how particular types of transaction work, respect is too easily lost..." (Do you recognise this picture?) "The saving of management time in dealing with a regulator's staff who know what is going on would itself repay the extra costs... Some regulators seem scared that if a decision or action could give rise to a judicial review, they should not move. In the end, the regulator must give up being loved if that is the price of investor protection." That's telling them; and the Abrams tightening-up programme, which would include dawn raids, section 2 powers to compel evidence, and a stress on heavy fines and expulsions rather than endless, ineffective trials, look convincing.

The European context, though, was only implied: since London is an international market, these shortcomings are generally known: they will reduce London's influence on the Euro-rules when they appear. And those, as William Legge-Bourke of Kleinwort Benson argued, will surely be based round a single European SEC, supervising all the self-regulators in the single market. Otherwise we will get muddle, incompatible rule-books and what is politely called regulatory arbitrage — a Gresham's Law migration to the market with the slackest, cheapest rules. The City ought to know this; it was invented here. Now it could soon be a threat, not an advantage. Wake up at the back there!

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CBI finds no evidence of devaluation lifting exports

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

STERLING's devaluation has yet to feed through to improved exports, according to the CBI's latest survey of British business.

Even though the latest quarterly *Industrial Trends Survey* from the CBI shows the sharpest increase in business confidence for five years and strong optimism about exports in the wake of Britain's ejection from the European exchange-rate mechanism, employment is still falling markedly and the CBI saw few confirmed signs of any end to the recession.

In the wake of the enforced devaluation of the pound last year, senior ministers suggested that the new exchange rates offered British companies the opportunity for sharply increasing their exports.

But the January quarterly CBI survey, published yesterday, shows new export orders continuing to fall in the previous four months, though the fall is both less than the overall decline in new orders and is an improvement on the export position at the time of the last survey in October. The survey, of 1,173 companies responsible for about half of UK manufactured exports, is widely seen as the most authoritative of the regular large-scale studies of British business.

The survey says 19 per cent of the companies questioned reported a rise in export orders, against 30 per cent recording a fall, giving a balance — the number reporting a fall against the number recording a rise — of minus 11 per cent, which is an improvement on the minus 19 per cent in October. While export forecasts are optimistic, at a balance of 18 per cent of firms, larger companies with more than 5,000 employees — likely to be the companies most geared to exports — are less confident, with a balance of only 12 per cent expecting exports to rise.

The Treasury said the effects of devaluation would take time to show through in export orders. But the CBI could offer no explanation why overall business optimism should be lower among big companies, even though it surged across the survey from a balance of minus 23 per cent in October to 11 per cent now — the sharpest rise since April 1988. Total orders are still falling, though less markedly — up from a minus 28 per cent balance in October to minus 13 per cent now, though a balance of 13 per cent of businesses expect orders to rise over the next four months. Output fell more sharply than expected, though more slowly than in the previous four months — up from a balance of minus 25 to minus 14 per cent. Employment continued to be cut at an accelerating rate, with a balance of minus 45 per cent of firms cutting jobs compared with minus 39 per cent in October. Job cutting was prevalent among larger companies.

☐ A separate survey, from the Building Employers Confederation, also shows the building industry recession is far from over, with output still falling and job losses likely to reach half a million in 1993.



Warning note: Rhiannon Chapman, of the Industrial Society, who has attacked the ceiling on public sector rises

Government pay policies under fire

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A FIERCE attack on the government's pay policies has been made by Rhiannon Chapman, director of the Industrial Society, the respected training charity.

Mrs Chapman, a former personnel director at the London Stock Exchange, condemned the government's 1.5 per cent ceiling on public sector pay rises and plans to abolish wages councils as "half-baked solutions that ignore economic realities". They were, she said, unfair, and likely to backfire.

Warning ministers not to underestimate union and public opposition to policies that would be widely seen as incoherent, Mrs Chapman urged the government to think again.

Mrs Chapman, who took over 18 months ago as head of the 74-year-old organisation, which is renowned for its neutrality, said the government was being cackhanded in its policy implementation. The pay norm, she said, was "introduced in a manner guaranteed to provoke a hostile reaction from those who could plausibly see themselves as its victims".

Nor was there any guarantee that the government would succeed in its objectives. "For a pay norm to work in the public sector, experience would suggest that those on the receiving end should be able to see the coherent policy of which the norm is part: and feel assured that anomalies and special problems will be at least addressed (if not tackled) rather than ignored. Ministers do not appear to share this view."

Writing in the society's management newsletter, *Briefing Plus*, she said that blanket pay norms tend to entrench anomalies and fuel later pay explosions. Mrs Chapman urged the government not to abolish wages councils, the bodies that set minimum pay levels for 2.5 million low-paid workers.

"It is not obvious how the economy will be helped by licensing poverty-pay cowboys to undercut reputable companies providing a respectable service," she said. "Nor is it credible to argue that Britain has a wage cost competitiveness problem in sectors of the economy where so many employees already receive social security benefits."

☐ Secretarial pay rises in central London have fallen from an average of 5.3 per cent a year ago to 2.7 per cent, according to a survey of 7,834 posts by Gordon Yates Group, the recruitment specialists.

US retailer will shed 63,000 jobs

SEARS, Roebuck, America's third-largest retailing chain, is closing its catalogue operations and axing 63,000 of its 350,000-strong workforce.

The job cuts are among the largest made by American corporations as a result of the recession that has seen General Motors shed 74,000 and IBM more than 65,000. Sears, America's largest retailer until 1991, began as a catalogue business almost a century ago. But its mail-order side has lost at least $500 million in the past three years.

The catalogue employs 50,000. The remaining cuts will come from 113 store closures, voluntary redundancies and reorganisation. It is estimated the cuts will improve net income by $300 million a year. Sears will charge $1.7 billion against profits in the final three months of last year. In July, August and September Sears lost $833.7 million, its first quarterly loss since 1933.

DAF to announce restructuring plan

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

DAF, the troubled Dutch vehicle maker, will today announce a wide-ranging restructuring plan, in which the Dutch government is expected to inject a substantial amount of money to secure the company's survival.

DAF, in which British Aerospace has a 16 per cent stake through its Rover subsidiary, asked for its shares to be suspended on the Amsterdam stock exchange until the announcement. DAF operates plants in The Netherlands, Belgium, and Lancashire and has a van making unit in Birmingham.

A recovery scheme, which would be led by the Dutch and Belgium governments followed by the company's banks, would almost certainly provoke an angry protest from other European truck makers. It could even lead to intervention by the European competition authorities, which might object on the ground that it may constitute unfair state aid. However, it is not thought likely that the European Commission would prove to be a big stumbling block.

The company, which has incurred losses of Dfl 800 million (£290 million) over the past three years, has already responded to its financial troubles with savage job cuts. About 4,000 jobs have been lost since 1989, with more jobs to go this year. Apart from extra finance, today's rescue package may include further job cuts, and also divestments. There has been some talk that the British van manufacturing business may be a candidate for a sell-off. Other possible sell-off candidates include the military vehicle division and the finance company.

The capital injection is likely to prove substantial. Last month, Koos Andriessen, the Dutch minister of economic affairs, said that DAF needed several hundred million guilders, which he would help arrange.

Banks want role of watchdog scaled down

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

BRITISH banks want to see the role of the Securities and Investments Board, the City watchdog, scaled down to "laying down a small number of general principles, and no more".

Sir Nicholas Goodison, president of the British Bankers' Association and chairman of TSB, made the comments in a letter to Andrew Large, chairman of the SIB.

The letter is in response to proposals to review the SIB's regulatory responsibilities; to examine the way that self-regulatory organisations (SRO) are supervised and to improve investor protection.

Mr Large was asked to undertake the review of financial regulation by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, in the wake of the Maxwell pension debacle.

He is due to report at the end of March.

Sir Nicholas said the banks do not think the case for a complete redrafting of the Financial Services Act has been made and argued: "Improvements could, in the main, be achieved by greater resolve to enforce the rules already in place."

He said banks believe that the SIB, with supervisory bodies carrying out day-to-day regulation and supervision is a structure that could be effective.

But, he said, the SIB should: confine itself to laying down a small number of general principles; differentiate between wholesale and retail markets; improve standards of supervision; directly regulate and supervise firms which do not feel confident that regulation by an SRO is fair; and enforce high standards of fitness and properness of practitioners.

Sir Nicholas said the banks object to the cross-subsidisation of compensation funds. He argued: "Providing that membership of SROs remains voluntary, each SRO should finance its own compensation fund either through insurance or through contributions from members. Any SRO that did not meet the minimum levels of compensation laid down by the SIB should not be authorised."

He argued against the formation of the proposed Personal Investment Authority, saying a logical alternative is to merge Lautro, the life assurance and unit trust industry regulator and Fimbra, which regulates financial advisers.

Venture capital under scrutiny

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE British Venture Capital Association is compiling a guide on how venture capital funds are performing, after criticism of a lack of information in the industry.

Funds raised by venture capital companies fell from £1.7 billion in 1989 to £276 million in 1991. This has caused a shake-out in the industry that will probably see several independent funds disappear.

A fund manager of a leading venture capital firm, who declined to be named, said: "Raising money in the eighties was easy. Venture capital was a novelty and the industry had no track record, so it was down to how convincing you could be. But those promises have not been fulfilled and investors, understandably, are not happy."

Lack of accurate figures has irritated some investors. John Brakell, venture capital manager at Postel, said: "We can analyse our own portfolio and compare the return with the stock market. But we can't say if our portfolio is better or worse than the average for the venture capital industry."

Mr Brakell welcomed the association's efforts to compile industry statistics as constructive. "Until there are benchmarks," he said, "the industry will have a difficult future."

Brittan and Kantor to hold talks on Gatt

SIR Leon Brittan, the European Commission's external economic affairs commissioner, will meet his new US counterpart in Washington on February 11 for their first full talks on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The meeting had been delayed to allow Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, time to assemble his new team. Sir Leon, who took over responsibility for the Gatt talks from Frans Andriessen at the start of this year, also hopes to meet other members of President Bill Clinton's new administration who are involved in the trade negotiations.

He will also visit Geneva tomorrow to meet some of the 108 delegations involved in the six-year-old talks, and will discuss outstanding issues during next Monday's meeting of EC foreign ministers in Brussels, a spokesman said.

Powering into Mexico

GEC-ALSTHOM is leading one of two Franco-Mexican consortiums that will build two electrical generating plants worth a total of $1 billion, Mexico's Federal Electricity Commission said. The plants, with total generating capacity of 900 megawatts, will be constructed in Tuxpan, Veracruz, and in Oaxaca state. GEC-Alsthom with Mexico's ICA Industrial and Turalmex will build the Veracruz project in eastern Mexico. The other consortium, Cegelec-Alsthom of France and Jeumnont-ICA Industrial of Mexico, will construct a hydroelectric plant on the Tonto river.

Exxon output still cut

EXXON Corp said yesterday that a 15 per cent cut in output from its North American refineries, which was started late last year due to depressed industry profit margins, remains in effect. Exxon's fourth quarter earnings rose to $1.40 billion, or $1.12 per share, from $1.12 billion, or $0.89 per share, "despite weak crude prices and soft economic conditions in most markets," the company said. Lower operating costs were a big factor, due partly to restructuring of operations in America and Canada, stronger US natural gas prices and increased sales volumes of petroleum and chemical products.

Excalibur cuts payout

EXCALIBUR, the consumer-products and precision-engineering group, incurred losses of £183,000 in the six months to end-October and is halving the interim dividend to 0.2p a share. Comparable pre-tax profits for the first half of the previous year have been restated at £900,000. Weak demand reduced profitability in the jewellery and giftware operations. Engineering performed well but industrial products had mixed fortunes. Losses were 0.6p a share, against restated earnings of 0.8p. Michael Griffiths, chairman, said there was little prospect of a recovery in consumer businesses in 1993.

Disposal at Lookers

LOOKERS, the motor dealer chaired by Ken Martindale, right, has sold half of its vehicle contract-hire and fleet-management business to Woodchester Investments, the Irish leasing company, for between £1.52 million and £1.77 million depending on current-year profits in a move to cut gearing. The company is maintaining a final dividend of 4.2p and a total payment of 6.2p, despite a fall in pre-tax profits from £3.21 million to £1.81 million in the year to end-September.



Water jobs to go

ABOUT 70 jobs are to go at Mid Kent Water as part of a cost-cutting and efficiency package. The move will result in an exceptional charge of £1.5 million for the current year. The board said it continued to have confidence in its long-term prospects and that its dividend policy would remain unchanged. The company, which supplies about 500,000 people in the Maidstone, Canterbury and Ashford areas, made pre-tax profits of £4.28 million in the half-year to September 30.

BCCI trial delayed

THE American trial of Clark Clifford and Robert Altman, both charged with illegal activities as directors of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International, has been delayed again, this time to March 15. Mr Altman's lawyer requested more time to prepare the case because Skadden Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, the law firm that initially represented the men, has withdrawn. A freeze on the assets of Mr Altman and Mr Clifford means that a $2 million legal bill to Skadden has yet to be paid.

Jobs move to Scotland

HOOVER announced 400 new jobs for its factory at Cambuslang, near Glasgow — at the expense of a French plant, which will lose 600. Production of cylinder vacuum cleaners is being switched from the company's plant in Dijon to Cambuslang, which now employs 1,000. Last week, Scottish employees accepted a new pay and conditions deal, involving effective pay cuts for some, and two-year temporary contracts for new recruits. Cambuslang's annual output of 900,000 vacuum cleaners is expected to double.

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Supermarkets face cut-price threat

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

DISCOUNTERS pose a growing threat to Britain's big supermarket chains, according to a report by Verdict, the retail consultancy.

Operations such as Kwik Save and Argyll's Lo-Cost doubled sales from about £2 billion in 1983 to more than £4 billion last year, and now hold 5.5 per cent of the grocery market. Verdict expects their sales to double again by 1996.

The number of discount chains has increased significantly. Two years ago, there were only three trading names — Kwik Save, headed by Graeme Seabrook, Lo-Cost and Normans. Now, European chains such as Aldi of Germany and Netto of Denmark have entered the UK market, and Carrefour of France opened its first Ed discount store this month. Discount formats have also been introduced by major multiples such as Gateway, with Food Giant, and Asda, with Dales, to revive underperforming stores.

A price survey carried out by Verdict this month showed an average price gap of 7 per cent between discounters and superstores on a basket of 40 core items. The price differential has narrowed from the 11 per cent indicated by an identical survey conducted three months earlier, showing how the multiples have responded to competition with price promotions.



Seabrook: sales rising

Netto was the cheapest retailer, with prices 16 per cent lower than the four biggest superstores. Kwik Save and Aldi came next, with prices 2.4 and 5 per cent above Netto, respectively.

But some observers feel that discounters are unlikely to pose a serious to the likes of Sainsbury and Tesco. "There will always be a place for discounters in the UK," a food analyst said, "but they will not assume the popularity, or market share, that they have done in Europe or US."

Verdict's Richard Hyman agreed. "They will not take significant volumes of business away from the majors," he said, "but they have had an impact on the grocery sector quite disproportionate to their size. The majors have had to tighten up on pricing and reassure their customers they are getting a good deal."

☐ Sales of goods at petrol stations jumped 10 per cent to almost £1.7 billion last year and the boom is set to continue. Cigarettes, confectionery and ice cream remain the main items, but sales of groceries are growing, says a report by Corporate Intelligence, a research group.

Recent years, the report says, have seen the emergence of brightly coloured, airy and well-lit shops, with a wide selection of products, replacing dowdy huts piled with engine oil, car polish and floor mats. "The modern petrol forecourt is taking its place among the key retailing developments of the 1990s."

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Rail privatisation 'could endanger equipment firms'

By Derek Harris

■ Up to 15,000 jobs could be at risk in the rail supply industry if overdue investment is not approved soon; no new trains for UK use are due to be built after 1995

INCREASING doubt about the future of railway investment in Britain, following publication of the government's rail privatisation bill, is threatening thousands of jobs in the railway supply industry, according to the Railway Industry Association.

The existence of some suppliers could be threatened, said the association, which represents 60 companies in engineering and telecommunications that depend on railway investment.

Danger signals have been increasing about the effects of current levels of investment in railways. British Rail is investing about £1 billion a year but its chairman, Sir Bob Reid, has said the figure should be £1.2 billion to £1.4 billion.

ABB Transportation, part of the Swedish-Swiss partnership of ASEA and Brown Boveri, is Britain's biggest rail-rolling stock maker, owning the former Brel works in Derby, Crewe and York. There have been warnings that without new orders, work will run out at York, where 1,500 people are employed, in May next year.

Work is also dwindling at Hunslet Holdings, part of Telfos, which builds electric power locomotives at Leeds and underground train units in Kilmarnock. After May, when the last UK orders are due to be completed, the only work going through the Leeds factory will be a modest overseas order.

A recent survey by Steer Davies Gleave, the transport consultants, indicated up to 15,000 jobs could be at risk in the rail supply industry over the next two years unless overdue investment schemes were approved soon.

Without additional orders, no new trains for UK use would be built after 1995, the survey said. Orders for new UK track were likely to run out by the end of this year; those for new signalling systems would dry up during 1994.

Rail supply companies, though they traditionally export about half their production, say a stable home market is crucial to act as a shop window for potential customers abroad.

Bigger suppliers of rolling stock also include GEC-Alsthom, the Anglo-French consortium, and BTR's Brush Traction. In signalling, there is BTR's Westinghouse Signals and subsidiaries of ABB and GEC-Alsthom. Track suppliers include British Steel and BICC's Balfour Beatty.

David Gillan, director of the Railway Industry Association, fears the government will cast its privatisation net wider than British Rail. It might want to privatise systems such as the London Underground, Tyne and Wear Metro and Glasgow Underground, he said.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, maintained yesterday that if, in the future, London Transport became a privatisation candidate, new primary legislation would be necessary.

Mr Gillan believes the government's policy has increased doubt about the future of railway investment. He added: "It has further undermined the uncertain home market, putting jobs and export business at risk."



Shortfall: BR's Sir Bob Reid says £1 billion a year of investment is not enough

Bols and Wessanen agree merger terms

From Reuter in Amsterdam

BOLS, the Dutch drinks company, and Wessanen, the food group, have reached agreement on the terms of their merger through a share swap.

The proposals will give Wessanen stockholders a 54.5 per cent stake in the new group, to be called Bols Wessanen, while Bols stockholders will have 45.5 per cent, the two firms said in a joint statement. The division is based on the historic and prospective results of both companies and their bourse valuations.

The new group had estimated 1992 pro forma net profit of 239 million guilders (about £87 million) — 123 million guilders from Wessanen and 116 million guilders from Bols. Pro forma turnover for the merged group in 1992 was 4.8 billion guilders. The combined balance sheet totalled 2.8 billion guilders while the capital balance was 1.3 billion guilders and cash flow 332 million guilders. The merged group was valued at 3.2 billion guilders based on Friday's closing prices on the Amsterdam stock exchange.

Wessanen will offer one of its shares for each Bols share. Before this happens, Wessanen will split each current five-guilder nominal share into 2.5 new shares each of two guilders, giving Bols shareholders one new share in the joint group for each 1.185 certificate they hold now.

Although analysts saw little logic in the move, both firms said there were strategic gains. "While there is little overlap in product portfolios, both face similar opportunities and challenges," the companies said in a statement. The merger would create a stronger platform and a better balanced product portfolio to exploit opportunities, they said. Wessanen would also benefit from the marketing expertise of Bols while Bols would gain access to Wessanen's product-development capability.

Peter Bakker Schut, Wessanen's chairman, will become chairman of Bols Wessanen until his retirement in 1995. Robert Schipper, the Bols chairman, will be vice-chairman of the merged group, taking over the helm on Bakker Schut's retirement.

The formal offer document is expected to be published in March once consultations with workers are completed.

Directors resign as buyout collapses

By Sarah Bagnall

THE collapse of a management buyout of Holman Wade, the insurance broker, from its parent company Horace Clarkson, the shipping group, has triggered the departure of two directors and knocked the share price down 13p to 65p.

Michael Wade, chairman of Holman Wade, and Sir Peter Parker, non-executive deputy chairman of Clarkson and a former chairman of British Rail, resigned when their offer for the company was rejected.

Michael Beckett, a non-executive director of Clarkson, said the deal failed because of disagreements over factors such as warranties rather than price.

Clarkson's insurance division has suffered over the past two years. In 1991, it saw pre-tax profits fall 28 per cent to £1.8 million. Tough market conditions at Lloyd's of London have led to falling confidence in the earnings capacity of Holman Wade, which provides estate protection and stop-loss cover to Lloyd's names.

Two-tier approach to EMU forecast

By Patricia Tehan

A FORMER member of the Bundesbank council gave warning that a two-tier approach to European monetary union, excluding the UK, was probable.

Leonhard Gleske slid at the City of London Central Banking Conference: "For political reasons, it would be better not to have a two-tier system, but in practice I doubt very much whether all countries will be in a position to meet the convergence criteria."

He predicted that only Germany, France and the Benelux countries would meet the criteria set out in the Maastricht Treaty for creating a European central bank.

His remarks followed similar warnings by Karl Otto Pöhl, the former Bundesbank president.

Robert Guy, a director of NM Rothschild, argued that 25-30 per cent of central bank reserves should be kept in gold, since the case for paper currency reserves alone was unproven. The Belgian and Dutch central banks recently sold large quantities of gold.

Opec hopes rise for cut in output

By Our City Staff

OIL prices firmed yesterday following signs of progress by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries towards the output cuts needed to mop up the world glut.

London March futures for Brent Blend, the benchmark, firmed about 35 cents to trade above $17.65 a barrel. Analysts said prices may edge higher in the next few weeks but traders were sceptical about Opec's ability to deliver on its promises.

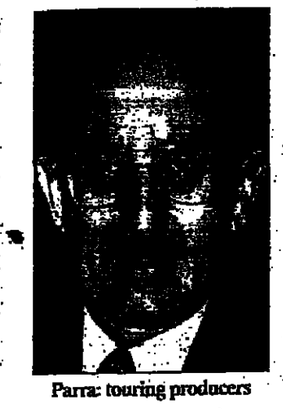
Alirio Parra, the Venezuelan Opec president, said in Qatar that the goal was to try to cut 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) from recent levels of about 25 million. Mr Parra is on a tour of key producers in an effort to broker a deal in time for signing when Opec meets in Vienna on February 13. Prices are down by more than 15 per cent since October under a weight of excess Opec oil.

Among others, Mr Parra met Hisham Nazer, the Saudi oil minister, in Paris on Friday. Mr Nazer was later reported as saying that Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, was calling for a cut of 1 million bpd.

There was encouragement for Mr Parra when Kuwait hinted that it might join in the production cuts after earlier stating it wanted to remain exempt while it rebuilds followingthe 1991 Gulf war. Asked whether a cut had been discussed with Mr Parra, Ali al-Baghli, the Kuwaiti oil minister, said: "Yes, regrettably, as a possibility... This is a bitter medicine, but we cannot break the consensus."

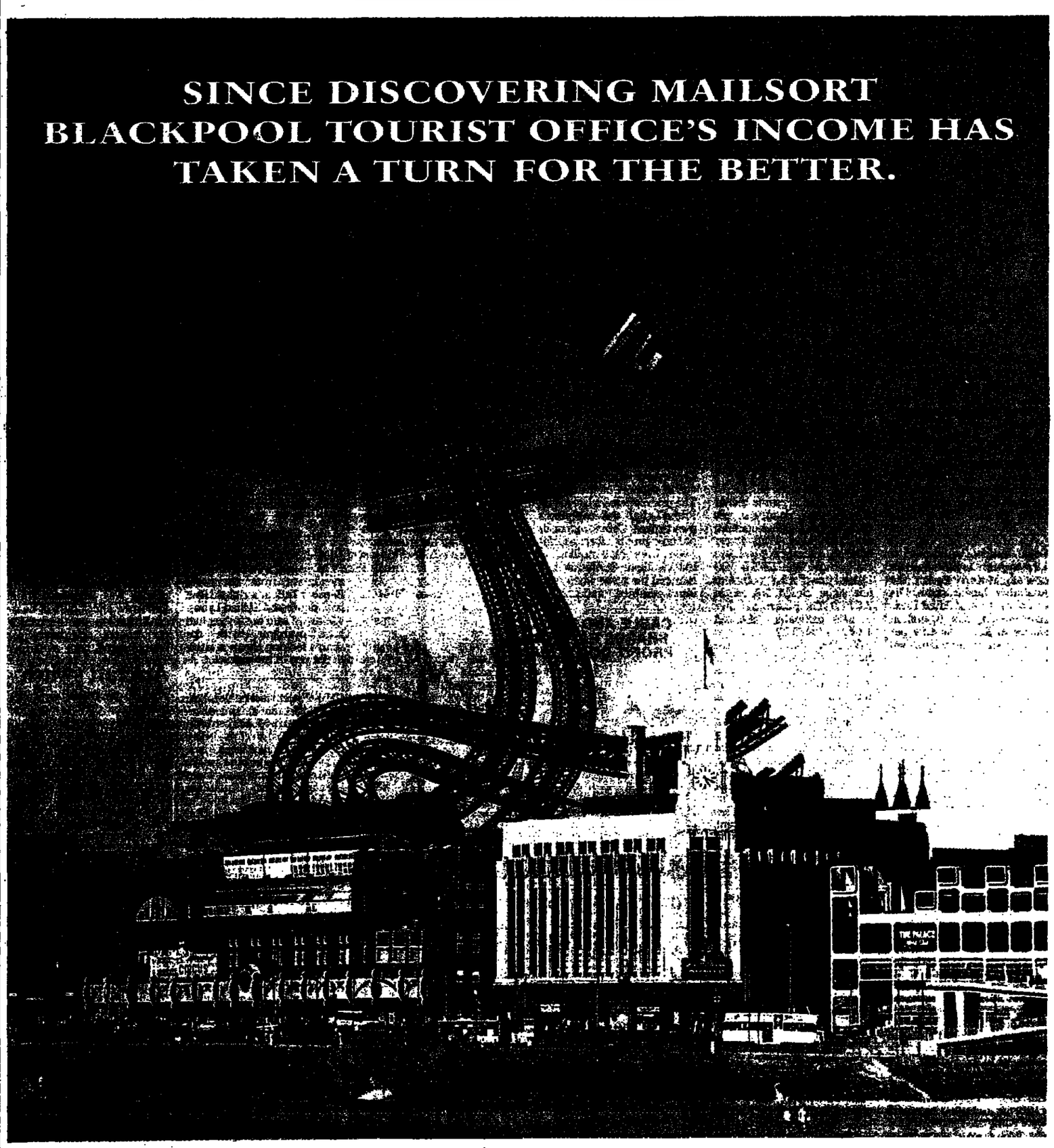
The emerging consensus seems to be for a notional ceiling 1 million bpd below the present 24.6 million. However, Opec has not yet got down to this level, agreed last November, and on the basis of Mr Nazer's remarks, Saudi Arabia still wants all members to make proportional cuts. It would itself only drop to about 8 million bpd from its current 8.4 million.

Crude oil buyers and analysts said poorer, cash-pinched Third World sellers, such as Nigeria, might sign such an accord but, on their recent record, would be unlikely to implement it.



Parra: touring producers

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Minorco 'warns off' potential bidders for Johnson Matthey

By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

■ JCI could overcome South African restrictions on foreign exchange by selling its strategic unlisted De Beers diamond investments, worth millions

MINORCO, whose main shareholders are South Africa's Anglo American Corporation/De Beers groups, appeared yesterday to fire a warning shot across the bows of anyone thinking of making a full bid for Johnson Matthey, whereby JM would fall outside the Anglo American family.

Minorco, in an announcement to the stock exchange, said as the owner of of 36 per cent of Charter Consolidated, the sale by Charter of its 38.4 per cent stake in Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, needs Minorco's approval. The sale of the stake would have to be "in the best interests of all shareholders", it said. *Not without significance,* the Minorco statement concluded "In addition, Minorco will need to consider the implications of any proposals for Minorco". The group said later that the statement was merely made "to address muddled City thinking".

Charter is now in the second week of talks to sell its JM shares, worth £353 million. Charter's proposal is that "a single party" will buy just *under 30 per cent of JM and* the balance placed. The takeover panel has told JM that though a sale of 38.4 per cent of its equity by another party technically puts JM in a takeover position, a single buyer of less than 30 per cent would not trigger a full bid.

David Davies, JM's chairman, knows the identity of the single party, and having been assured that the new owner will not change JM's direction, is formally relaxed.

The logical single buyer remains Johannesburg Consolidated Investment, the South African mining house in which Anglo American/De Beers holds 48 per cent. JCI owns 32.6 per cent of Rustenburg Platinum Holdings, the world's largest platinum metals group. JCI was founded in 1889 and has spent the past century concentrating on Southern Africa. Now, there is a change of heart, and foreign fields beckon.

Johnson Matthey and Rustenburg have long standing relationships, which a JCI/Rustenburg shareholding would further cement. If JCI is the single party in talks with Charter, then JM will remain very much in the Anglo family and JCI's overseas ambitions are realised.

The question of how JCI would pay Charter an estimated £276 million — in London, *and in cash* — when current restrictions on foreign exchange imposed by the South African Reserve Bank are tight, could be resolved by JCI selling some of its overseas assets — notably its interests in the Diamond Purchasing and Trading Company, the Diamond Trading Company and other stragetic satellite associates of De Beers' Central Selling Organisation. JCI's unlisted diamond investments — as opposed to group holdings of De Beers shares — were valued in the June 30, 1992, balance sheet at R582 million (£124 million), but would raise much more than book if sold. It would be unthinkable for the Anglo family to see JM fall into non-Anglo American hands.

Minorco, meanwhile, has a 30 per cent stake in Engelhard, the north American platinum metals group. Whatever Minorco's determination to be master of its own assets, the Charter-JM link has effectively stayed Minorco's hand in moving closer to Engelhard.

Hence Minorco's reiteration that it has supported Charter in its desire to realise its JM shareholding.

Once the Charter-Johnson Matthey link is dissolved, the next piece of the jigsaw is Minorco's 36 per cent stake in Charter, and its position relative to Engelhard.

Minorco could turn the tables on Charter — by putting up for sale its 36 per cent stake, thus triggering a full bid for Charter, or by selling the stake in two parts.

Meanwhile, Charter shares reached a fresh peak of 700p, before easing to 692p, down 6p. JM shares rose 8p to 506p.



Taking a relaxed view: David Davies, the chairman of Johnson Matthey

WORLD MARKETS

Dow off to a flyer with 27-point gain

New York — American shares raced ahead in early trading with blue chips mounting stronger gains than the broader indices. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 27.01 points, 3,283.82.

Thom Brown, of Rutherford Brown and Catherwood, said that the market was being helped by "a bit of speculative enthusiasm, and that usually shows up in the morning and dissipates through the rest of the day".

A rallying bond market also helped to touch off share gains. Advancing shares were beating declining issues by a nine to five.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares closed slightly lower, with investors staying on the sidelines awaiting official action on the economy. Brokers said that small-lot sales of blue-chip issues whittled prices and sentiment. While expectations of an impending discount rate cut are high, few expect the market to react strongly. The Nikkei average was down 49.36 points, or 0.30 per cent, at 16,287.45, with an estimated 170 million shares traded.

☐ **Sydney** — The market forfeited strong gains to end a quiet day marginally higher. Brokers said that futures trading led the market downwards after the All-Ordinaries index hit a high of 1,531.9 on the back of big rises among blue-chips. But the index took on a pre-Australia Day holiday mood in afternoon trade, slipping to close a mere 0.4 points up, at 1,523.4.

☐ **Frankfurt** — German shares ended near their lows, with profit-taking wiping out more than half of last week's gains as the dollar lost ground and negative corporate news hit the car and chemicals sectors. Dealers said cash market turnover was relatively thin. The Dax index was down 1.2 per cent, at 1,569.24.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The stock market was closed for the lunar new year holiday. It will reopen today.

☐ ***Singapore*** — The stock market was closed yesterday for the Chinese new year. It reopens today. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Jan 25 midday	Jan 22 close
AMP Inc	56	57
AMR Corp	64	66
Abbott Labs	28	27
Aetna Life	49	49
Ahmanson (HF)	20	19
Air Prod & Chem	44	43
Albertson's	49	48
Alcan Aluminum	18	17
Alco Standard	39	39
Allied Signal	58	57
Alum Co of Am	70	70
Amax	17	17
Amerada Hess	47	45
Amer Brands	36	35
Amer Cyanamid	54	53
Amer El Power	33	33
Amer Express	26	25
Amer Genl Corp	57	57
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	114	112
Amer Stores	43	43
Amer T & T	53	54
Ameritech	74	74
Amoco	49	48
Anheuser-Busch	58	58
Apple Computer	60	59
Archer Daniels	26	27
Arkla	7	7
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	29	29
Asarco	26	27
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	113	109
Auto Data-Pro	52	51
Avery Dennison	25	25
Avon Products	56	55
Baker Hughes	19	19
Baltim Gas & El	23	23
Banc One	50	50
BankAmerica	52	52
Bank of NY	58	57
Bankers Tr NY	66	67
Barnett Banks	43	43
Bausch & Lomb	52	51
Baxter Intl	31	31
Becton Dickinsn	76	76
Bell Atlantic	53	53
BellSouth	54	54
Black & Decker	17	17
Block (H&R)	38	37
Boeing	36	36
Boise Cascade	22	22
Borden Inc	27	27
Bristol Myrs Sq	61	60
Browning Ferris	26	27
Burlington Nthn	44	43
CBS	189	190
CNA Financial	94	92
CPC Intl	47	46
CSX	73	74
Campbell Soup	40	40
Can Pacific	12	12
Cpd Cities ABC	485	482
Cpd Holdings	75	75
Carolina Pwr	55	56
Caterpillar	55	55
Central & SW	29	29
Champion Intl	29	29
Chase Manhat	29	30
Chemical Bk	39	39
Chevron Corp	69	67
Chrysler	39	39
Chubb Corp	85	84
Cigna Corp	59	58
Citicorp	26	26
Clorox	45	45
Coastal Corp	24	24
Coca Cola	41	41
Colgate-Palmolive	55	55
Columbia Gas	19	19
Commonw Ed	24	24
Compaq Comp	55	54
Comp Ass Int	26	26
Conagra	31	31
Cons Edison	33	32
Cons Nat Gas	44	44
Cons Rail	49	49
Cooper Inds	47	46
Corning Inc	37	37
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	49	48
Dayton Hudson	78	79
Deere	46	46
Delta Air Lines	50	51
Deluxe Corp	46	46
Detroit Edison	34	33
Digital Equip	49	43
Dillard Dept St	47	47
Disney (Walt)	43	44
Dominion Res	38	38
Donelley (RR)	30	29
Dover Corp	45	45
Dow Chemicals	52	52
Dow Jones	30	30
Dresser	17	17
Duke Power	36	36
Dun & Brdstreet	61	60
Du Pont	45	44
Eastman Kodak	50	48
Eaton Corp	79	78
Emerson Elec	53	53
Engelhard Corp	37	37
Enron Corp	46	46
Entergy Corp	34	34
Ethyl Corp	28	28
Exxon	59	58
FMC Corp	51	51
FPL Group	36	36
Federal Express	58	58
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First Chicago	42	42
First Interstate	50	50
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Fleet Finl Grp	31	32
Fluor Corp	41	41
Ford Motor	47	48
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	55	54
Gap Inc Del	34	34
Gen Cinema	36	36
Gen Dynamics	113	112
Gen Electric	84	84
Gen Mills	67	67
Gen Motors	38	37
Gen Reinsurance	115	113
Gen Signal	63	63
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	59	58
Gillette	55	54
Glaxo ADR	21	21
Goodrich (BF)	49	49
Goodyear Tire	67	66
Grace (WR)	38	38
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	18	17
Halliburton	28	28
Heinz (HJ)	41	41
Hercules	68	68
Hershey Foods	48	47
Hewlett Packard	73	73
Hilton Hotels	48	48
Home Depot	65	65
Homestake	10	10
Honeywell	32	33
Household Intl	61	62
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	20	20
ITT Corp	73	74
Illinois Tool	65	65
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	32	32
Inland Steel	22	24
Intel Corp	113	111
IBM	48	48
Intl Flav & Fr	107	107
Intl Paper	62	62
James River Va	17	17
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	45	45
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	61	62
Kerr-McGee	43	42
Kimberly-Clark	59	60
Knight-Ridder	62	61
Lilly (Eli)	57	58
Limited Inc	29	29
Lin Brdcstng	86	85
Lincoln Nat	71	72
Litton	44	44
Liz Claiborne	39	40
Lockheed Corp	56	56
Louisiana Pac	67	67
MCI Commun	41	41
Marriott	23	23
Marsh & McLnn	93	91
Martin Marietta	68	69
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	69	69
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	38	36
McDonalds	49	48
McDonnell D	64	62
McGraw Hill	61	61
Mead Corp	38	38
Medtronic	93	91
Mellon Bk	55	55
Melville Corp	52	52
Merck Inc	41	41
Merrill Lynch	68	67
Minnesota Mine	97	97
Mobil Corp	62	60
Monsanto	53	52
Morgan (JP)	61	61
Motorola Inc	60	60
Natl Medical	10	10
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
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NY Times A	27	27
Newmont Mng	37	37
Niag Mohawk	19	19
Nike B	82	82
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	39	38
Norfolk Sthrn	60	60
Nthn State Pwr	43	43
Norwest Corp	44	44
Nynex Corp	85	85
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Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	19	19
Pac Gas & Elect	33	33
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	19	18
Paramnt Comm	48	49
Parker Hannifin	32	32
Penney (JC)	73	72
Pennzoil	53	49
Pepsico	40	41
Pfizer	67	67
Phelps Dodge	51	51
Philadel Elec	26	26
Philip Morris	73	71
Phillips Pet	25	24
Pitney Bowes	41	40
Polaroid	28	27
Price Co	37	36
Primerica	52	52
Procter & Gmbl	51	50
Pub Serv E & G	31	31
Quaker Oats	67	67
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Raychem Corp	38	38
Raytheon	52	52
Reebok Intl	37	36
Reynolds Metals	57	53
Roadway Svcs	70	70
Rockwell Intl	30	30
Rohm & Haas	53	53
Royal Dutch	81	80
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	60	59
St Paul's Cos	77	78
Salomon Inc	38	37
Santa Fe S Pac	14	13
Sara Lee Corp	28	28
Scecorp	44	44
Schering Plough	59	60
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Scott Paper	36	36
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Snap-On-Tools	31	31
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Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	27	27
Suntrust	43	43
Supervalu	34	34
Syntex Corp	21	21
Sysco Corp	24	26
TRW Inc	55	55
Tandem Comp	14	14
Tandy Corp	27	27
Telecom Corp	2	3
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	47	47
Tenneco	40	40
Texaco	60	58
Texas Inst	53	54
Texas Utilities	42	42
Textron	43	42
Time Warner	32	32
Times-Mirror	30	30
Timken	30	29
Torchmark	61	59
Toys R Us	38	38
Transamerica	49	48
Travelers Corp	27	27
Tribune	51	51
Tyco Labs	47	46
UAL Corp	120	123
UST Inc	30	30
USX Marathon	17	16
Unilever NV	108	107
Union Camp	44	44
Union Carbide	16	16
Union Pacific	59	58
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	14	15
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	39	38
US West	38	38
United Tech	48	47
Unocal Corp	25	24
Upjohn	29	29
VF Corp	52	52
Wal-Mart Stores	64	63
Warner-Lambert	65	65
Waste Mgmnt Inc	39	38
Wells Fargo	98	98
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	36	37
Whirlpool	46	45
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	74	73
Woolworth	29	28
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30
Xerox	83	82

STOCK MARKET

NFC hits top gear amid talk of major disposal

NFC, Britain's biggest road haulier, moved into top gear, with a rise in its share price of 10p to 271p, amid confident claims that it will be making a major disposal before the end of the week.

NatWest Securities is telling clients that NFC will this week sell its Waste Management susbsidiary for about £100 million to Wessex Waste Management, a joint venture between Wessex Water, down 3p at 577p, and Waste Management International, 22p lower at 733p.

Waste Management is one of the top ten waste disposal companies in this country with turnover last year of £30 million. NFC will continue to pursue its overall strategy and, with gearing at 55 per cent, will need to make disposals. County said completion of the deal would also underline the continuing failure of **Tarmac**, 1p cheaper at 104p, to dispose of its Econowaste susbsidiary.

The rest of the equity market spent a lacklustre day, with prices following both the future and European stock markets lower in early trading. Attempts at a rally proved short-lived.

The pound's revival against the US dollar, some better than expected money supply figures, and a firmer opening to trading on Wall Street enabled share prices to halve earlier falls. The FT-SE 100 Index, down 17.3 points at one stage, closed 9.3 off, at 2,771.9. The Eurotrack Index of 100 companies also fell 12.62 to 1,079.02.

Traders these days are hungry for bad news on the economic front in the belief it will increase the pressure on the Chancellor to cut interest rates before the Budget.

The Minet Consultancy Services Index provided a glimmer of hope for the future with the claim that investor confidence had risen to its highest level for five years. The index, which measures the liquidity of a dozen leading pension funds, has surged 60 per cent. But Ian Chalmers, who compiles the index said private investors would now have to take up the running because institutional liquidity had dropped to 3 per cent.

Cable and Wireless clawed back some of Friday's shortfall, with a rise of 8p to 711p, as no fewer than three brokers, Strauss Turnbull, BZW and Crédit Lyonnais Laing, came out in support of the shares. The price suffered a late fall on Friday after the company's own broker, Cazenove, cut its pre-tax profits forecast for 1994 from £1.1 million to £940 million. Confusion surrounded the move when trading resumed after the weekend break beacause most analysts had already taken the view that the Cazenove forecast was on the high side.

Brokers claim it was the not the cut in Cazenove's pre-tax profit estimate that upset the market, but a reduction of about one-third in its earnings forecast, due to tax liabilities.

BT recovered an early 4p fall to finish the session 5¼p dearer at 587½p. Dealers were impressed with the news of a possible link-up with General Motors in America.

GEC firmed 2p to 275p on reports that it had secured a contract to supply a power *station in Mexico. Brokers* said the deal could be worth as much as £400 million.

Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, rose 8p to 508p on reports that Johannesburg Consolidated Investments might bid for a near 30 per cent stake in the company. Speculation suggests that it may be prepared to buy part of the 38.4 per cent stake in the company held by **Charter Consolidated**, down 6p at 692p. **ASW Holdings**, the Cardiff steel stockholder, rose 5p to 118p after an announcement that an 11 per cent rise in reinforced steel is being implemented next week.

There are signs of revival in the American steel market and big orders from China are expected to provide a boost to margins. Paul Rich, a director, confirmed that the company, which reports soon, was experiencing some restoration of margins.

The banks continued to be marked higher, ahead of the dividend season which gets under way next month. Brokers are also hoping a further softening of interest rates will reflect favourably on provisions for bad and doubtful debts and improve the outlook for the clearers.

Barclays firmed 2p to 415p, **Lloyds** 13p to 512p, **National Westminster** 8p to 443p, and **Royal Bank of Scotland** 3p to 224p. Only **HSBC** failed to make headway, losing 9p at 543p, with the Hong Kong stock market closed for the Chinese new year celebrations.

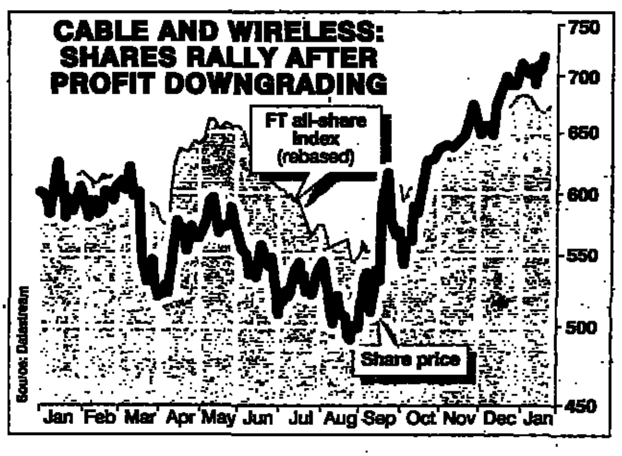
Horace Clarkson, the shipping and insurance group, fell 10p to 68p after an announcement that Sir Peter Parker, deputy chairman, and Michael Wade, a fellow director, had resigned.

Stakis, the hotel and leisure group, fell 3p to 40p ahead of trading news on Thursday.

MICHAEL CLARK

Regal Hotels, ¼p firmer at 1½p, appears to have found a new ally in Kerry Packer, the *Australian businessman. His* company, Consolidated Press Investments, has 9 million shares in Regal, or 4.89 per cent. Regal recently launched a rights issue.

Allied-Lyons rallied 6p to 597p, helped by a buy recommendation from Kleinwort *Benson. Talk of a rights issue* has depressed Allied-Lyons. Kleinwort said the selling had been overdone, with the shares looking cheap relative to the rest of the market.



Westpac names new chief

Westpac Banking Corp has named Robert Joss, vice-chairman of Wells Fargo, as managing director to succeed Frank Conroy. Conroy resigned last month after what analysts said was a disagreement with the new 10 per cent shareholder, Kerry Packer, the Australian businessman, over cost-cutting at the loss-making bank.

Packer and the managing director of his Consolidated Press Holdings group, Al Dunlap, later resigned as Westpac directors after less than a week on the board.

Last week's annual meeting, attended by more than 5,000 *people, was adjourned until* tomorrow after hours of heated discussion on the bank's performance and board reappointments.

Aircraft switch

Fokker, the Dutch aerospace group, and GPA Group, the aircraft-leasing company, agreed their joint venture will take back 17 Fokker 100s for lease through other entities. All the aircraft involved already have leasing arrangements agreed with airlines. Fokker said the move is to help reduce GPA's forward order book commitment. On Friday GPA said it was seeking a debt restructuring to halve its $5.5 billion debt.

BMW gloom

BMW, the German luxury car maker, said group sales rose 4.7 per cent to DM31.2 billion in 1992 from DM29.8 billion in 1991, but gave warning to shareholders that business is expected to decline this year. The pessimistic statement sent BMW's share price tumbling nearly DM12 to DM505 in Frankfurt. EL2

Dealership talks

Sanderson Murray & Elder, the motor dealer, is negotiat*ing to sell its Rover dealership* in Lancaster for an estimated £900,000 to Coltread. The sale is conditional on Rover granting the purchaser a franchise. Sanderson plans to buy a site for about £1.47 million in Manchester for its two Ford dealerships from DC Cook Holdings. The purchase is conditional on the sale of the Lancaster site.

O&Y vote

Olympia & York Developments said creditors with claims on Gulf Canada Resources and Abitibi-Price Inc have voted in favour of the company's debt-restructuring plan. O&Y owns a majority stake in both Gulf Canada and Abitibi-Price. Three other classes of creditors, including those with unsecured claims, were due to vote yesterday on the plan to restructure the debt of more than C$8billion (£4.09 billion) in debt on the developer's Canadian operations.

BRITISH FUNDS

INVESTMENT decisions were placed on the back burner in the bond market as fund managers decided to concentrate their attention on tomorrow's gilt auction.

As a result, prices lost ground across the board throughout the day, with some investors continuing to liquidate existing positions to raise the funds with which to take part in the auction.

On the futures market, the March series of the long gilt closed £$^{11}/_{32}$ down, at £100$^{1}/_{16}$, as 16,000 contracts were completed. Brokers said the falls were cushioned by the money supply and bank lending figures that turned out to be better than expected.

In the cash market, losses at the longer end stretched to more than £½ as Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell 19 ticks to £100$^{17}/_{32}$, while Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 fell 11 ticks to £110⅛.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
104	100	Treas 12¾% 1993	102	-	12.15	6.33
100	95	Fund 6% 1993	99	...	6.01	6.14
107	103	Treas 13¼% 1993	105	...	12.98	6.26
102	96	Treas 8½% 1994	102	...	8.31	6.29
110	104	Treas 14½% 1994	108	-	13.35	6.29
110	103	Exch 13½% 1994	108	-	12.44	6.34
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	104	-	9.54	6.27
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	109	-	11.45	6.37
104	96	Treas 9% 1994	104	-	8.61	6.32
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	110	-	10.89	6.48
95	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.14	5.10
109	99	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	-	9.45	6.52
116	106	Treas 12¾% 1995	115	-	11.05	6.62
119	109	Treas 14% 1996	118	-	11.79	6.96
125	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	123	-	12.34	7.07
119	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	-	11.23	7.06
110	98	Conv 10% 1996	109	-	9.11	7.02
121	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	-	11.00	7.25
112	100	Exch 10½% 1997	111	-	9.40	7.15
107	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	-	8.23	7.12
131	117	Exch 15% 1997	129	-	11.56	7.45
111	97	Exch 9¾% 1998	110	-	8.85	7.28
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
27	24	Treas 7¼% 1998	25	-	7.22	7.16
99	86	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.85	7.09
137	123	Treas 15½% 1998	134	-	11.50	7.77
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	119	-	10.05	7.79
111	97	Treas 9½% 1999	109	-	8.70	7.55
123	109	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	-	10.13	7.91
116	101	Treas 10½% 1999	113	+	9.22	7.68
115	100	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	-	9.06	7.73
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	106	+	8.42	7.72
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	126	-	10.30	8.23
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	111	-	9.01	8.13
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	-	11.09	7.86
111	98	Treas 9¾% 2002	109	-	8.92	8.35
24	21	Treas 8% 2003	23	-	8.15	8.27
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	110	-	9.06	8.50
120	107	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117	-	9.77	8.47
69	59	Fund 3½% 1999-04	68	-	5.12	7.71
109	96	Conv 9½% 2004	106	-	8.93	8.63
109	96	Conv 9½% 2005	106	-	8.94	8.66
128	116	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125	-	10.00	8.86
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	94	-	8.43	8.67
122	110	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119	-	9.85	8.81
100	89	Treas 8½% 2007	97	-	8.68	8.78
135	123	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132	-	10.21	8.90
LONGS (over 15 years)						
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	101	-	8.85	8.81
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	92	-	8.65	8.87
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	100	-	8.93	8.93
103	93	Treas 9% 2012	100	-	8.94	8.94
72	62	Treas 5½% 2008-12	70	-	7.81	8.67
92	81	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	89	-	8.62	8.81
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	128	-	9.48	9.14
101	91	Treas 8¾% 2017	97	-	8.94	9.00
UNDATED						
45	39	Consols 4%	44	-	9.04	...
40	35	War Ln 3½%	38	-	8.98	...
63	59	Conv 3½%	61	-	5.70	...
29	24	Consols 2½%	29	-	8.58	...
29	24	Treas 2½%	28	-	8.91	...
INDEX-LINKED						
132	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	...	...	1.42
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	...	1.79	2.53
108	100	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	106	...	2.60	3.18
162	139	Treas IL 2½% 2001	159	-	3.17	3.52
158	135	Treas IL 2½% 2003	155	-	3.30	3.59
109	101	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	108	-	3.42	3.70
162	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	160	-	3.46	3.69
147	124	Treas IL 2½% 2009	144	-	3.60	3.81
152	129	Treas IL 2½% 2011	149	-	3.64	3.83
126	108	Treas IL 2½% 2013	122	-	3.68	3.85
133	117	Treas IL 2½% 2016	130	-	3.70	3.87
128	107	Treas IL 2½% 2020	125	-	3.75	3.90
108	88	Treas IL 2½% 2024	103	-	3.78	3.91
107	91	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	104	-	3.78	3.92

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Cable Wireless .... 711p (+8p)
Br Aerospace .... 227p (+12p)
Haynes Pub .... 263p (+29p)
Stylo .... 125p (+17p)

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SA Breweries .... 800p (-20p)
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An era of good politics is spoiled by bad economics

Wolfgang Münchau looks back at the accident-prone management of Europe's economies



Shattered dreams: the removal of the Berlin wall did not lead on to an economic bonanza

This has not been a good century for victors of wars, and the same will probably hold true for the cold war as well. Three years on, little is left of this "end of history" stuff, the "tanks to ploughshares" fantasies, the five-year catch-up plans, or the "no extra cost to the taxpayer" promises. As the military threat has receded, there is now more resentment and recession in Europe than in recent memory. There is even a war in the middle of it. As politics seemed to have got it right at the end of the 1980s, it appears that economics got it all wrong subsequently.

A few retrospective observations seem timely. First, the changes that were promised did either not come about, were emasculated, or disappointed. Maastricht is still no more than a small town in The Netherlands; the single market is still not single; Germany has never been so disunited since unification; and eastern Europe's economies have rarely been in a bigger mess since economic reform began.

Second, the post-Wall period has been marked by a unique accumulation of economic policy errors. This was a phenomenon which occurred virtually everywhere, irrespective of countries being rich or poor, East or West, socialist or conservative-governed. There is nothing new about policy errors as such, but their sheer scale in the past three years has been amazing.

Who would have thought Sweden would put up its interest rates to 1,500 per cent in the middle of a recession? Or that the Bundesbank spent DM100 billion in a few months in a currency support operation? Or that John Major's flirtation with the exchange-rate mechanism would end in the way it did? There are many stinging memories, such as Chancellor Kohl on television on the day of German monetary union, promising that nobody shall be worse off because of unity. But nowhere was the clash between good politics and bad economics more marked than in eastern Europe, which turned into a test tube for economic experiments through the application of the "shock therapy" reform programmes.

On the plus side, the great European economic policy disaster has, over time, become recognised as such — an example being Britain's membership of the ERM, which has fewer friends today, with hindsight, than during the time it was in. But as a qualifier, it may be fair to point out none of these policy mistakes will probably end up as being as devastating as the deflationism of the early 1930s, which thrust the world into unparalleled depression.

As ever, there is method to madness. The mistakes may look unrelated, but there is a connection. In essence, the mistakes stem from mistaken confidence a few years ago about the goal and method of Europe's political and economic transformation. This was based on two essential beliefs.

- Western Europe was to evolve into a federal system with a single currency. This, in turn, necessitated a domestic monetary policy geared towards this policy objective and hence anchored on quasi-fixed parities in the ERM.
- Eastern Europe was to adopt a western-European style economic system as soon as possible. Under this scenario the economics of the free markets constituted not merely the goal of the transformation process, but also its method. This distinction is crucial.

Both these assumptions have faced a difficult ride since the beginning of the nineties. The unresolved uncertainty over the federalist Maastricht treaty has shaken the belief in the harsh monetary methods needed to ensure its success. The result was the almost-collapse of the ERM on Black Wednesday and its metamorphosis into a Deutschmark zone. Without Maastricht, governments would have been more willing to accept realignments in case of fundamental economic divergences. With Maastricht, the ERM turned into a precursor to a single currency, whereby a devaluation is seen, *de facto* though not *de jure*, as tantamount to not qualifying for the real thing in 1997-9.

In eastern Europe, something more fundamental went wrong. Economic reform made the economy much worse in the short term in exchange for uncertain, if not dubious, improvement in the long term. East Europeans learnt the hard way that a system dominated by free choice and free markets, if introduced without sufficient preparation and regulatory safeguards, could create an economy far worse than under communism. There seems to exist a difference in principle, rather than merely degree, between an economy in evolution, such as a mature western economy, and an economy under transition.

One country that fell into the trap of hasty reform was Russia, where naive economic jam-today reforms have created an economy dominated either by unreconstructed monopolies or by the mafia. What seems to have been ignored is that the existence of a free market is a necessary precursor for economic wealth, but by no means a sufficient one. Far too little emphasis had been placed on microeconomic reform, about the need to modernise industries, factories and distribution systems. Hence, the biggest mistake that has been made is a belief in the invincibility of the free market, not as a desirable system as such, but as a means to get there in the first place.

> East Europeans learnt the hard way that free markets can create worse economies than communism

Nowhere has the tendency towards the policy error been more pronounced than in Germany. Because of its location at the crossroads of east and west Europe, it is where our two cock-up theories meet. In the west, it has continued to pursue the old economic policies, while applying one of the most radical shock-therapy experiments ever attempted in the east. The theory is that only by imposing the western structures on the east as quickly as possible, could the western structures themselves survive. The government's answer to east Germany's industrial backwardness was shock privatisation, irrespective of the industrial and social consequences. The unions' answer to wage differentials was a three-year wage equalisation plan. The Bundesbank's answer to rising domestic demand and prices was the continued pursuit of restrictive monetary policies, with all the well-known damage for Germany and Europe. In east Germany, the result was mass unemployment. Unification is not merely nasty, it is not working.

The underlying problem is inflexibility and fear of change, and is well illustrated by Germany's obsession with an independent central bank. Admittedly, there is no question that the Bundesbank has proved to be more successful than any other European central bank since the second world war. But the trouble with central bank independence is that if the Bundesbank gets it wrong, there exists no ordinary mechanism to stop it. Cries for institutional independence frequently signal a deep mistrust of the democratic process and a belief that democracy and efficiency are not always compatible.

The Bundesbank's high interest rate policies have recently come under fire, amid doubts over whether the fight to bring German inflation down to 2 per cent, the level consistent with price stability, is really worth the sacrifice. But Germany not only exports its economic woes to the rest of Europe, via high interest rates, but also some of the inflexible structures.

The Maastricht treaty's provision for an independent central bank is one such example. The treaty even stipulates the aim of the central bank's policy — price stability — and thus indirectly its ideology — monetarism. In doing so the treaty makes a dangerous assumption about the future and about future generations: that the future will be similar to the present, and that future generations will hold the same convictions and refrain from developing their own "isms".

This brings us back to the underlying problem in European economic policy: an inflexibility, based on the mistaken belief that the essential questions of economic and social policy have been answered conclusively once and for all.

The last few drops . . .

THE slump in institutional liquidity may be a sign of investor confidence but it is hardly comforting for anyone, such as the government, that needs to tap the market in the coming months. Figures from Minet, the financial adviser, show liquidity as a proportion of total assets fell below 3 per cent at the end of last year, the lowest since the firm began its survey in 1987.

The stampede by fund managers to invest cash in the stock market in the weeks after Black Wednesday is understandable. The sudden fall in interest rates and the prospects of economic recovery gave them little choice. The fall in liquidity is nevertheless dramatic. It was at 4.75 per cent at the end of the previous quarter, and is now little more than a third the level of two years ago. Almost all the cash of the funds in the survey was ploughed into the London stock market. UK equities accounted for an average of 60 per cent of total investments, against fixed-interest holdings of only 10 per cent. If so much institutional money has already been piled into the market, where are the funds going to come from to push the FT-SE index to 3,000 or 3,100, the level which almost all fund managers expect to see by the end of the year? Minet argues that the private investor will drive the market.

Certainly, the personal sector has the funds since more than £350 billion is lying in bank and building society deposits, while the fall in interest rates may tempt investors back into the stock market. But the recession and the threat of redundancy have made many private investors deeply conservative and they should not be relied on to create and maintain a bull market on their own. It is more probable that the fund managers' forecasts are over-optimistic as usual.

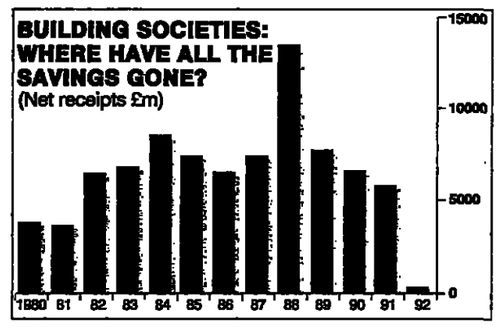
The other implication of low liquidity is that institutions will have to buy gilts and fund rights issues from cash flow. Fund managers will have to pick and choose opportunities. Potential paper issuers will have to prove they have a better investment than the next man.

Building societies

PERHAPS the building society figures do show a glimmer of an upturn in the housing market, but it is only a glimmer. Net mortgage commitments rose between November and December for the first time in recent memory, but the figure has been affected by the number remortgaging at lower rates. In any case, December is such a quiet month in the housing market that it is dangerous to make assumptions.

The societies should be thankful that mortgage demand remains weak while their savings business is under so much pressure. Although net receipts of £295 million last year were the lowest for 31 years, high interest earnings and low mortgage demand meant that the societies' liquidity remained unchanged at 16.2 per cent. This will not last when the housing market heats up. Interest earnings will fall by almost a third this year, and competition will remain fierce in the retail savings market, while National Savings continues to bid aggressively for deposits.

Societies are unlikely to let their liquidity fall below 15 per cent. This implies increasing reliance on the capital markets, but here, too, there are constraints. The government is unlikely to relax the 40 per cent limit on societies' capital funding while its own demand for institutional cash is so large. This suggests societies will have to offer attractive rates to savers at the expense of borrowers and margins once mortgage demand picks up. Funding constraints may even prompt some societies to demutualise. The pressure will also cut their market share. At least this is something they can afford since they gained more than 90 per cent of the market last year. That figure can only fall.



Oil output

ALIRIO Parra, Opec's president, may be confident that he can stitch together an agreement to cut oil production by up to 1.5 million barrels per day, but the market deserves to be more cautious. Mr Parra has many miles to travel and conflicting interests to settle before he can present a workable deal to the Opec meeting next month.

If Opec does reduce production to less than 24 million bpd, the effect on oil prices could be significant. The market could be caught short, just as suppliers are trying to stock up in the second quarter. Prices could breach the $20 mark. Even the suggestion of such a deal added 50 cents on the price of Brent crude yesterday, with the March futures price touching $17.80.

But Opec has not been able to enforce such a draconian agreement for almost six years. The main spanner in Mr Parra's plans is Nigeria, which is not even adhering to last November's agreement, and is producing an estimated 1.95 million bpd against a quota of 1.86 million. Kuwait will also cause problems, since it continues to demand parity with the United Arab Emirates.

More likely is that Opec members will leave next month's meeting with a decent compromise that may, at best, stop the slide in oil prices for a spell, provided the organisation's members are not too flagrant in their disobedience.

DAF

DAF's strategic blunders in the past three years have landed its shareholders with accumulated losses of 700 million guilders (£240 million) and are now expected to cost the Dutch government just as dear.

The company's first mistake was to focus on Britain, which accounts for 30 per cent of its sales. Here they have been shattered by the recession. Until 1990, DAF had negligible penetration in Germany, the most buoyant market, but then increased its presence just as the economy slowed, and cut sales by 30 per cent last year. The small upturn expected in the UK this year will not compensate for falls elsewhere.

DAF has also failed to build sufficient scale to cover costs. The financial burden of developing new models costs £200 million year alone.

DAF's management, which has shunned the idea of foreign ownership, may have to reconsider. Daimler-Benz and Toyota, which are thought to have already approached the company, could be revving up in the wings.

PizzaExpress

THE reverse takeover of Star Computer is an unusual recipe and some of the ingredients might surprise a trained chef. Bolting the wholly-owned and franchised restaurants of PizzaExpress and Star's computing interests together could create a company with £3.5 million of pretax profits this year, suggesting a multiple of less than 10, and one set for 20 to 25 per cent growth thereafter.

This view requires a substantial leap of faith. The two pizza businesses have a distinctly lumpy profits record. The aim is to import professional management into a business. Institutions seem keen since they are happy to increase their weighting in the small company sector. The private investor should be a little more cautious.

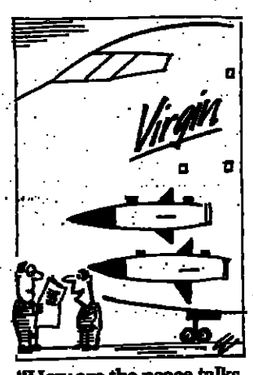
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Steel challenge for Wright

A FUND manager from the venture capital division of Murray Johnstone, the investment manager, has been called to join the crew of *Coopers & Lybrand*, the yacht currently lying fourth in the round the world British Steel Challenge. Martin Wright, 34, will join the race on February 6, as it leaves Hobart, Tasmania, on its third leg to Cape Town and the fourth leg back to Southampton. He has missed the start of the race from Southampton to Rio, and the second leg from Rio to Hobart. "My bluff has been well and truly called," says Wright, who wrote a letter offering his services after seeing the fleet off at Southampton. To his astonishment, the offer has been taken up. "My employers have been very tolerant and sympathetic, and given me leave of absence to go off and kill myself and get seriously into debt," he says. All being well, Wright will be back on May 25.

Bloomerang

OUTRAGED Australian brokers have pointed out a grave error that appears in the Thomas Cook Financial Services 1993 Diary. Australia Day, which celebrates the first settlement in Australia, is marked in the diary on January 25, instead of the correct date, January 26. "I can't believe that a travel organisation could make an elementary mistake like that," splutters our informant who, being far from home, is understandably sensitive about these things.



"How are the peace talks going?"

Bank watch

BUILDERS are biting back by forming a blacklist of banks. "Bank Watch" has been launched by The Chartered Institute of Building, which represents 33,000 building managers in the UK. The aim of the campaign is to stop the banks liquidating building companies to recoup their loans as the economy moves out of recession. "Statistics suggest there is a link between land prices rising and firms going out of business at the end of the recession," Keith Banbury, chief executive of CIOB, says. "The problem will come if the banks make attempts to get money back without any thought of the long term. We want the banks to recognise that this is an issue they can do something about." Banbury says that the main banks and City firms will soon be contacted with a view to soliciting support and assurances. No doubt they will be all ears.

Theis in place

CHRIS Theis, Hoare Govett's new director and head of small companies, arrived in the hot seat yesterday, fresh and bronzed after six weeks in Barbados. "Hoare Govett is the name on everyone's lips because of the research side, but the sales side may not have lived up to that reputation recently," he admits, "so the sales side will be a priority." Theis, who is also responsible for investor liaison, is joined at Hoare by Owen Smythe, an old Smith New Court colleague. Smythe is appointed assistant director on the sales side. Theis is still reeling from the shock of getting up at 6 am in Barnes after his long break. "It was nice to get to know my twin sons while I was away," he says, referring to Elliot and Jordan who are 15 months old. "They're probably wondering where I am today."

Audition time

THE search is on, yet again, for bankers and brokers who fancy a spell under the footlights in the Stock Exchange Dramatics Society's latest production, a rendition of the old Doris Day film *The Pajama Game*. Anyone in the City with unfulfilled acting, singing or dancing ambitions should turn up for an audition this Sunday at St Saviour's Hall, St George's Square, Pimlico. No experience is necessary, and Angus Blair, the UK analyst at Baring Securities, says there are "loads of chorus numbers" to fill. The society puts on at least one play a year. Blair, who played the preacher in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and the professor in *South Pacific*, will be auditioning for one of the cameo roles in *The Pajama Game*, which begins at the Shaw Theatre, Euston Road, on May 24. Auditions for chorus parts take place at 11.30 am. Those keen on the principal roles need not arrive until 2.30 pm.

WENDY VAIZEY

World demand for services of British utilities is vast

From Mr P. A. Banks, FEng

Sir, Mr Lea (Business Letters, January 15) seems to think that it is desirable for the great new private sector industries created by privatisation to be fettered because their monopolistic position might cause the balance of their profitability to move slightly from consumer to shareholder. In a share owning democracy he is essentially the same person directly or through the institutions.

If this view prevails, then truly historic export opportunities will be lost. Led by British Gas and BT, our new utility industries have as yet only scratched the surface of the world demand for their services.

The competition in the global water industry, which I know best, is essentially just two French companies. Our water service companies have the potential for vastly increasing their turnover and profit beyond these shores if they are given their head. British Gas already owes one third of its £1 billion profit to overseas earnings.

If we want to restore our economy, this shows the way. It will not be achieved by making it easier for foreign manufacturers to sell radios, telephones, films, etc in our retail stores as Mr Lea advocates.

Yours truly,
P. A. BANKS
(Consultant),
Acer Consultants Ltd,
Douglas House,
16-18 Douglas Street, SW1.

From Mr Philip Rogerson

Sir, Mr Graham Lea (January 15) will be pleased to know that neither the British consumer nor British industry is disadvantaged as a result of investment in other countries by British Gas.

In fact, the price paid for gas by British consumers is lower than in all other EC countries and British Gas has achieved a standard of service second only to Marks and Spencer, according to a recent Gallup poll.

Based on this success at home, we have invested abroad in similar businesses and this in turn has brought benefits in terms of exports and job opportunities, not only for our own company but for well over 100 other companies in the UK.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP G. ROGERSON
(Managing Director, Finance),
British Gas,
Rivermill House,
152 Grosvenor Road, SW1.

Taxation, unemployment, housing costs and social security

From the Rev V. S. Singh

Sir, At present an owner occupier is able to claim tax relief on the interest payments for the first £30,000 of his mortgage (Miras).

Unemployed owners have their mortgage paid by the Department of Social Security. I understand that some 400,000 homes are involved and that the total annual cost is £1 billion. Unemployed owners with negative equity cannot sell their home and therefore cannot move to take up employment in a new area.

One way out is for them to let their own property and themselves rent. However they then lose Miras because they are no longer owner occupier.

A home owner who can let at a profit can set the whole of his mortgage interest against letting income and is better off without Miras. However, it is now rarely possible for a home with significant negative equity to be let at a rent that would cover costs including mortgage repayments with Miras allowed. Removing Miras (worth about £670 per annum at current rates) adds a further burden.

I therefore suggest that a home owner who needs to move should be allowed to retain Miras, while letting his own property and renting another.

This might well reduce unemployment and social security costs and avoid unnecessary repossessions.

Yours sincerely,
VIVIAN S. SINGH,
Manor Cottage,
Wenelling Road, Longham,
Dereham, Norfolk.

Pensions and equality

From the Chief Executive of the Equal Opportunities Commisssion

Sir, Sara McConnell's article ("Weighing up cost of equality in a battle of sex and age", January 21) was a welcome assessment of the current issues on pensions and European Community law. It failed to mention, however, that the European Court of Justice will also be hearing another British case today — Neath v Hugh Steeper Ltd.

Mr Neath is receiving financial assistance with his claim from his union, MSF, and the Equal Opportunities Commission. As well as the issue of retrospection, Mr Neath's case also raises the important question of the use of sex-based actuarial factors. An individual case of this kind enables the court to see the effect, in practice, of particular interpretations of Community law. This was the first British case to be referred to the European Court of Justice to try to clarify the Barber judgment.

Yours sincerely,
VALERIE AMOS,
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Equal Opportunities Commission,
Overseas House,
Quay Street,
Manchester.

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Mastertrust	103.00	110.10	-0.80	1.31
International	75.16	79.95	-0.57	1.28
Dividend Gth	53.24	56.63†	+0.10	5.30
Global Gth Sec	58.62	62.36	-0.07	3.19
Ethical Growth	61.43	65.35	+0.03	2.95
High Inc Equity	141.00	150.00†	+0.30	5.67
Worldwide Bond	252.50	267.60	-2.00	4.67
Gilts Fixed Int	127.30	135.00†	-0.30	7.04
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580. 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	40.90	43.17	-0.41	1.96
European	73.49	77.98	-0.95	...
European Inc	74.27	78.76	-0.46	1.70
Exempt	870.70	898.80†	-2.50	3.41
Extra Inc	40.15	43.64†	+0.09	5.77
F East Emerg Ec	72.92	78.57	-1.07	0.81
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	354.70	379.10	-1.30	4.50
Equity Inc	196.00	209.50†	-1.50	5.03
High Yield	218.80	233.80	-1.20	4.44
Balanced	602.10	643.60	-4.10	2.93
American Inc	43.90	46.92	-0.81	3.62
Wld Asset Val	34.57	36.95	-0.43	2.08
Japan	126.10	134.10†	-2.30	0.01
Secs of Am	396.30	422.10	-6.60	0.37
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	298.70	317.80	-0.90	3.11
-do- Inc	214.00	227.70	-0.70	3.11
Higher Inc Acc	525.20	558.80	-0.30	4.40
-do- Inc	324.00	344.70	-0.20	4.40
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	168.90	178.40	-0.40	7.16
-do- Inc	91.01	96.12	-0.23	7.16
Nth America	259.40	276.00	-3.90	...
Far East	229.80	244.50	-3.70	0.36
Europe	199.20	212.00	-1.90	1.17
General Inc	401.20	426.90	-1.80	2.76
-do- Acc	436.90	464.80	-2.00	2.76
Brit Excell	61.15	65.06	-0.23	3.18
Brit Fxdmfls Inc	61.90	65.86	-0.19	5.39
Brit Fxdmfls Acc	78.86	83.90	-0.24	5.39
Global Opps	63.55	67.61	-0.51	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	103.30	110.50	+0.10	3.37
Euro Gth Inc	105.20	111.40	-1.10	1.77
Extra Inc	98.55	105.40	+0.10	5.70
General	227.90	243.70	...	3.55
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.54	58.50	+0.03	9.03
Income	440.90	471.50†	+1.20	5.31
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	89.46	95.01	-1.48	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	119.00	126.80	-1.60	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	49.13	52.54†	-0.11	7.60
Eastern	166.20	178.80	-0.50	1.70
Equity Income	73.43	78.11	-0.40	6.70
European Gth	208.80	222.20	-2.40	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	141.90	151.70	-0.30	2.00
Exempt	77.91	80.03	...	3.90
German Growth	50.48	53.87	-0.40	0.80
Global Growth	100.40	107.20	-1.20	...
Japan Growth	140.90	151.20	-3.50	...
Japan Sunrise	119.10	127.10	-2.60	...
Portfolio	110.00	117.80	-0.40	3.40
-do- Acc	194.50	208.30	-0.70	3.40
UK Growth	71.00	75.53	+0.15	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	71.05	75.98	+0.43	2.00
Select Managers	58.97	63.16	-0.20	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	98.18	105.01	-0.16	2.39
-do- Inc	89.93	96.18	-0.14	2.39
Global Bond	27.70	29.88†	-0.31	5.78
High Yield Acc	48.84	52.24	-0.01	4.52
-do- Inc	35.80	38.29†	-0.01	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	77.10	82.46	+0.10	1.81
-do- Inc	71.31	76.26	+0.09	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	53.89	57.63	-0.77	0.29
-do- Inc	52.88	56.56	-0.76	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	90.07	96.33	-0.69	1.78
-do- Inc	89.24	95.45	-0.68	1.78
Mngd P folio	31.92	34.14	-0.16	1.54
Pacific Growth	79.83	85.38	-1.51	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	79.11	84.61	+0.20	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	103.40	110.70	+0.10	4.01
Smaller Cos Acc	245.90	261.90	+0.40	...
Smaller Cos Inc	144.00	153.30	+0.10	1.50
High Inc	68.62	73.41	+0.01	6.40
Income	117.10	125.20	+0.70	4.63
Mngd P folio Inc	86.13	91.72	-0.02	2.27
-do- Acc	161.20	171.70	-0.10	...
North American	104.50	111.30†	-1.10	0.20
Orient	90.60	97.49	-1.97	...
Recovery	33.68	36.21	+0.01	3.26
German	38.94	41.65	-0.63	0.10
Intl Growth	31.36	33.40	-0.33	0.23
European Inc	21.51	23.16	+0.07	0.49
Conv General	18.29	19.57†	-0.01	7.88
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	59.97	63.80	-0.14	1.50
-do- Acc	66.86	71.13	-0.16	1.50
Income Fund 5	200.60	213.50	-0.10	4.26
-do- Acc	456.30	485.50	...	4.24
Inv Portfolio	64.12	66.45	-0.13	2.39
-do- Acc	71.83	74.44	-0.14	2.39
Smaller Cos	106.80	113.70†	-0.20	2.39
-do- Acc	128.40	136.60	-0.30	2.39
High Inc P folio	56.44	58.49	+0.09	5.07
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	68.55	69.46	-0.04	5.99
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	129.50	137.80†	-0.20	1.78
UK Growth	137.80	146.70	+0.10	2.55
UK Income	116.20	123.70	+0.30	4.82
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	73.00	78.08	-1.53	1.19
Growth	42.77	45.74†	-0.04	3.13
Income	49.53	52.97†	-0.03	4.50
Far East	37.79	40.42	-0.85	0.37
North American	81.84	88.00	-1.25	0.01
Global	78.08	83.51	-1.29	0.67
European	62.27	66.60	-0.66	1.40
Japan	77.69	83.09	-2.13	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	55.07	58.35	-0.86	7.62
UK Cap Gwth	74.75	79.95	+0.05	2.40

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	124.60	132.60	-1.90	0.11
-do- Acc	132.40	140.90	-2.10	0.11
European	62.23	65.93	-0.73	1.07
-do- Acc	64.50	68.33	-0.76	1.07
Far East Gen	43.33	46.10	-0.71	...
-do- Acc	43.33	46.10	-0.71	...
Glentrians	225.20	239.60	-1.00	1.59
-do- Acc	252.00	268.20	-1.10	1.59
Growth	359.00	384.00	-0.10	2.64
-do- Acc	610.40	652.90	-0.30	2.64
Income Growth	348.70	371.00†	...	4.25
-do- Acc	462.20	492.80	...	4.25
Master Portfolio	8930.0	9226.0†	-33.00	3.14
-do- Acc	10303.0	10644.0	-38.00	3.14
Special Sits	81.95	87.19†	...	2.60
-do- Acc	95.92	102.05	+0.01	2.60
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1125.0	1160.0	...	4.84
-do- Acc	1302.0	1343.0	...	4.84
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	182.80	194.70	-3.80	1.87
Capital	502.80	536.50	-0.30	2.62
Eurotrack 100	121.40	129.10	-2.20	1.85
Euro Gth	74.09	78.91†	-0.97	1.99
Far East Growth	71.67	76.48†	-1.62	0.56
Global Bond	21.91	23.08†	-0.21	6.88
Hong Kong	64.97	69.33	-1.54	0.72
Income	475.10	507.00	-0.50	4.51
Intl Growth	65.65	70.06	-0.75	1.24
Japan Growth	182.30	194.50	-3.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	23.34	24.90	-0.46	...
Japan Index	54.12	57.75	-1.03	0.36
Nth American	397.80	424.50	-4.20	1.06
S pore Mly Gth	44.88	47.89	-2.14	...
The Footsie Fd	103.00	108.70†	-0.60	2.62
Tiger Index	126.00	134.40	-2.90	1.06
Trde Index	94.83	101.20	+0.10	3.17
UK Index	116.10	123.90†	-0.50	3.48
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	77.77	82.97	-1.25	1.00
European P folio	66.52	70.70	-0.96	1.38
Japanese P folio	44.55	47.34	-0.64	...
Pacific P folio	81.46	87.60	-0.74	2.43
Cazenove P folio	64.53	69.02†	-0.48	3.00
UK Income Gth	59.02	63.25	-0.18	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.80	596.60	...	5.08
Fixed Int	151.95	152.70	...	9.50
Deposit	6.80	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	...	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	...	...
Deposit	6.70	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	...	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	59.11	62.06	-1.37	2.22
Beckman Intl	75.24	79.49	+1.37	5.03
Friars Hse Inc	169.43	181.29†	+2.84	6.79
Friars Hse Cap	236.15	252.66	-0.27	3.06
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	102.13	108.65	-1.30	0.22
European Gth	86.07	91.56	-2.31	1.63
Far East Gth	84.95	90.37	-1.21	0.16
Japan Gth Acc	29.85	31.76	-0.64	...
Managed	57.39	61.05	-0.40	3.27
-do- Acc	69.31	73.73	-0.48	3.27
Mthly Inc Plus	45.50	48.40	+0.04	6.78
Smaller Cos	30.55	32.50	+0.14	2.52
-do- Acc	33.62	35.77	+0.15	2.52
UK General	65.33	69.50†	-0.21	3.13
-do- Acc	78.32	83.32	-0.26	3.13
Wwide Bd	60.57	64.44	-0.58	6.06
-do- Acc	75.91	80.75	-0.73	6.06
Wwide Sp Sits	48.88	52.00†	-0.88	0.30
-do- Acc	50.80	54.12	-0.92	0.30
Quilter General	118.19	125.73	+0.14	2.51
-do- Acc	130.09	138.39	+0.16	2.51
Quilter Income	85.82	91.30†	+0.10	4.29
-do- Acc	105.76	112.51	+0.13	4.29
Quilter Intl	113.30	120.53	-1.68	0.35
-do- Acc	114.86	122.19	-1.71	0.35
Quilter UK Spec	65.98	70.19	+0.05	3.20
-do- Acc	87.29	92.86	+0.06	3.20
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	91.75	97.61	-0.19	2.26
Fixed Conv	39.22	41.72	+0.08	7.78
-do- Acc	100.56	106.98	+0.20	7.78
Equity Inc	134.36	142.94	-0.17	4.46
-do- Acc	424.14	451.21	-0.54	4.46
High Yield	109.46	116.45†	-0.17	5.45
-do- Acc	409.66	435.83	-0.64	5.45
Preference	45.11	47.98†	+0.06	8.37
-do- Acc	228.18	242.75	+0.33	8.37
PPT Europe	137.70	146.49	-2.23	0.78
PPT Global Bnd	77.94	82.92	-0.81	4.34
PPT Gold Com	42.40	45.10	-0.17	...
PPT Thai	54.71	58.20	-0.23	...
PPT Hong Kong	86.66	92.19	-1.59	...
PPT Japan	81.72	86.94	-1.85	...
PPT N Amer	140.71	149.70	-1.74	...
PPT S'pore Mly	90.15	95.90	-1.61	...
PPT UK	110.79	117.86	-0.37	1.64
PPT Cash	90.74	90.74	+0.04	6.32
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	68.62	73.00	-0.45	1.08
Japanese Acc	42.46	45.17	-0.71	...
UK Balncd Inc	119.00	126.60†	...	2.53
-do- Acc	138.90	147.80†	+0.10	2.53
UK Growth Acc	197.90	210.50	-0.30	2.29
UK High Inc	125.50	133.50	+0.30	7.11
-do- Acc	148.20	157.70	+0.40	7.11
N America Acc	109.50	116.50	-0.80	0.33
European Acc	139.10	148.00	-1.50	0.47
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.38	63.02†	-0.07	9.74
-do- Acc	94.56	100.40†	-0.10	9.74
Intl Sp Sits Acc	42.00	44.68	-0.52	.25
Environmntl Opp	68.79	73.18	-0.32	1.52
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031-313 1000				
American	101.20	107.50	-1.60	...
UK Smlr Cos	168.10	178.60	+1.20	1.40
Eurofund	35.11	37.11†	-0.40	1.08
Mngd Exempt	156.40	163.00	-0.40	3.22
Growth Inc	205.90	218.80	-1.20	4.11
High Dist	129.90	138.00	-0.60	6.26
International	297.10	315.70	-2.90	1.02
Intl Income	74.70	79.74†	-0.74	3.26
Pacific	51.22	54.42	-0.66	0.55
Smllr Jap Cos	48.81	51.86†	-1.03	...
Tokyo	144.40	153.40	-3.10	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Exempt	82.06	84.31	-0.59	0.59
Sm Jap Exempt	407.70	418.90	...	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7281				
Endurance	156.60	166.50	...	1.26
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	99.81	105.06	-0.76	3.84
High Income	113.00	118.95	-0.39	5.30
Tst of Inv Tsts	129.25	136.05	-0.12	2.69
Special Sits	79.79	83.99	-0.16	3.56
North American	101.89	107.25	-1.88	1.21
Far Eastern	188.22	198.13	-3.98	1.09
Intl Growth	83.31	87.69	-1.34	1.68
European	58.69	61.78	-0.90	2.27
Smaller Cos	64.98	68.40	-0.07	2.54
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	209.50	221.00	-3.00	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00†	...	6.60
European Tst	101.30	107.60	-0.90	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	85.73	90.80	-0.80	0.72
Far Eastern	104.10	111.60	-1.50	...
Oseas Income	79.98	85.61†	-1.12	2.02
UK Growth	88.71	94.88†	+0.11	1.40
UK Income	96.68	103.40	...	4.09
US Smaller Cos	212.20	226.90	-3.60	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	411.90	440.40	-7.30	...
-do- Acc	420.80	450.00	-7.30	...
Capital	271.00	288.20	+0.70	2.42
-do- Acc	374.10	397.90	+1.10	2.42
Cond Smllr Cos	42.77	46.08	-0.38	1.39
-do- Acc	44.26	47.68	-0.39	1.39
Convertible	101.50	107.90†	-0.10	6.62
-do- Acc	188.00	199.90†	-0.10	6.62
European	90.93	96.80	-1.10	0.82
-do- Acc	93.97	100.00	-1.20	0.82
Extra Income	265.40	282.30†	-0.10	4.81
-do- Acc	371.60	395.20†	-0.10	4.81
Financial	97.29	104.60	-0.60	0.80
-do- Acc	101.20	108.90	-0.60	0.80
Health Fund Inc	126.90	135.50	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	126.90	135.50	-2.00	...
Income Tst	165.10	175.60	+0.10	4.45
-do- Acc	330.10	344.70	+0.10	4.45
Intl Growth	290.10	309.30	-3.60	...
-do- Acc	322.20	343.50	-3.90	...
Japan Gen	122.90	131.40	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	124.10	132.90	-2.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	85.54	90.04	-0.43	1.85
-do- Acc	88.34	92.98	-0.44	1.85
Monthly Income	135.10	143.70†	+0.10	4.89
Recovery	268.40	287.00†	-2.50	0.76
-do- Acc	313.40	335.10†	-3.00	0.76
Gilt Gth Tst	59.67	61.52	-0.13	7.27
-do- Acc	74.90	77.24	-0.16	7.27
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	333.16	354.43	+0.18	3.10
-do- Acc	672.60	715.63	+0.35	3.10
Euro Gth Dist	96.51	102.67	-0.86	1.17
-do- Acc	99.40	105.74	-0.87	1.17
Fixed Int Dist	127.24	134.59†	-0.17	6.82
-do- Acc	211.19	223.39†	-0.29	6.82
Intl Gth Dist	68.11	72.46†	-0.58	0.85
-do- Acc	70.45	74.95†	-0.57	0.85
Nth Amer Dist	159.01	168.59†	-1.43	0.65
-do- Acc	172.32	182.70†	-1.55	0.65
Pac Basin Dist	198.67	211.35†	-1.60	0.37
-do- Acc	201.83	214.71†	-1.62	0.37
Stewardship Dist	279.35	297.18	+0.97	2.02
-do- Acc	330.49	351.59	+1.15	2.02
Stwd Inc Dist	57.35	61.01	+0.20	4.37
-do- Acc	69.94	74.40	+0.24	4.37
N Am Stwd Dist	90.30	96.06†	-0.54	0.01
-do- Acc	95.57	101.69†	-0.56	0.01
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.00	146.80	-7.60	...
European	369.30	392.20	-3.50	0.98
Far East General	176.80	188.10	-3.30	0.34
Germany	88.75	93.97	-1.15	0.43
Global Assets In	61.37	65.64	-0.26	2.25
Global Assets Ac	64.31	68.78	-0.27	2.25
Income	102.30	109.50	-0.60	7.23
International	229.20	245.20	-2.40	1.02
Intl Income	69.74	74.22	-0.87	4.62
Japan General	271.80	287.90	-5.70	...
Smllr Cos Div	43.20	46.21†	+0.01	6.09
UK Capital Inc	144.60	154.70	+0.20	4.10
-do- Acc	245.20	262.30	+0.30	4.03
Uk Spec Sits	66.14	70.74	+0.09	1.61
US General	104.30	111.00	-1.40	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	106.90	114.40	-1.00	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	41.72	44.62	+0.10	1.30
Cash Trust*	127.00	127.00	+0.05	6.66
Pract Inv Inc	95.07	101.95	-0.01	4.36
-do- Acc	202.97	217.66	-0.02	4.36
UK Smaller Cos	89.54	96.02	-0.64	2.07
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.87	25.53†	+0.49	8.73
High Inc	29.01	31.03	+0.07	5.80
UK Equity Inc	119.60	127.91	+0.03	4.71
Intl Fxd Int	28.14	30.17†	-0.29	5.45
International Funds				
Gold Intl	56.48	60.57	+0.49	1.93
Frontier Markets	37.93	40.68	-0.48	0.32
Global Inc Gth	111.56	119.13	-1.03	2.85
UK Intl	105.23	112.55†	+0.19	1.26
Overseas Funds				
American	120.52	128.83	-1.78	0.59
European	76.19	80.82	-0.94	1.00
Euro Sel Opps	87.67	93.24	-0.86	1.30
American Emerg	72.42	77.66†	+1.33	...
Hong Kong	94.54	101.38	-1.69	2.16
Japan	146.47	155.87	-2.69	...
Pacific Growth	128.09	137.36	-2.21	0.56
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	111.74	119.50	-0.59	0.95
American Gth	115.37	123.39	-1.28	0.35
European Gth	63.45	67.86	-0.26	0.82
German Horizn	44.69	47.93	...	0.92
Japan Gth	55.58	59.45	-1.12	...
Pacific Inc	114.14	122.07	-1.58	3.22
Pacific Strategy	91.71	98.08	-1.49	...
UK Prog Inc	67.51	72.20	+0.25	6.11
Gt British Cos	45.89	49.08	-0.28	2.00
UK Small Cos	40.42	43.23	+0.10	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.70	129.70	+0.10	7.34
Gilt Fixed	116.70	123.80	-0.20	6.79
Growth Equity	274.80	293.50	+0.50	2.32
Guardhill	403.80	431.40	-1.10	2.55

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trust	98.00	104.70†	+0.60	4.78
International	139.00	148.50	-1.10	0.27
Japan Trust	90.67	96.86†	-1.68	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	239.40	255.70	-1.60	0.46
Pacific	294.70	314.80	-3.80	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	313.90	335.30†	-1.40	0.44
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838565				
Global Adv Inc	32.60	34.56	...	1.93
-do- Acc	33.98	36.02	-0.10	1.93
Inc Adv Inc	27.61	29.27†	+0.10	4.57
-do- Acc	28.47	30.18	+0.10	4.57
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	58.93	63.13	-0.27	0.68
Equity Income	104.80	111.50	-0.80	3.97
European	125.40	132.60	-1.60	1.35
Intl Situation	66.90	71.17	-0.30	...
Japanese	99.34	105.70	-2.00	...
North American	96.57	102.50	-1.40	0.07
Scandinavian	97.86	103.90	-0.70	0.60
Smaller Cos	27.49	29.24†	+0.05	2.74
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.29	93.35	-1.00	...
Asian Enterprise	107.10	114.95	-0.93	1.11
Australian	112.87	120.43	-1.58	1.44
European	329.59	349.26	-3.84	1.21
European Inc	63.90	67.65	-0.83	3.10
Euro Sml Co	110.36	117.42	-1.03	1.21
Extra Income	239.67	255.14†	-0.77	5.46
Family of Funds	63.78	68.08†	+0.52	1.62
Fixed Interest	54.04	57.78†	-0.01	8.88
Global Recovr	70.47	75.64	-0.63	1.76
High Inc	256.15	273.82†	-0.52	4.93
Income Gth	219.10	233.43	-0.24	4.94
-do- Acc	551.98	587.42	-0.62	4.04
International	204.68	217.39	-2.25	1.04
Japan Spc Sit	164.34	174.74	-4.25	...
Japan	141.63	150.55†	-3.35	...
N Amer	218.52	232.70†	-3.62	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	143.23	153.61	-2.07	1.46
Pref Gilt	44.64	48.51†	+0.12	9.36
Smaller Cos Div	145.66	158.76†	-1.46	4.70
Special Sits	241.40	259.29	+0.76	1.66
-do- Acc	369.70	395.57	+1.17	1.66
Best of British	52.34	56.18	-0.08	2.90
Spirit of the East	47.91	51.15	-0.73	0.71
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	83.73	89.55	-0.31	2.72
Capital	144.30	154.30	-0.70	2.55
Dollar	286.50	306.40	-4.50	0.27
European	176.10	188.30	-3.30	0.80
Far East	200.00	213.90†	-3.90	0.87
Financial	603.70	645.60	-1.50	2.85
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	24.93	25.90†	+0.03	8.39
High Yield	92.51	98.94	+0.03	5.55
Income	123.70	132.20	-0.20	4.14
Intl	188.20	201.20†	-2.90	0.53
Japan Tech	48.88	52.27†	-1.25	...
Nat Resources	48.54	51.91	-0.51	0.64
Security	280.10	299.50	-0.40	2.60
Smaller Cos	100.30	107.20	+0.50	1.99
Special Sits	125.00	133.60	-0.30	2.70
US Smaller Cos	68.92	73.71	-1.10	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 34 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	229.00	241.10	-3.80	1.49
Capital Gwth	99.65	104.90	...	2.56
Inv Trusts	112.70	118.60	...	0.81
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	20.94	22.38	+0.09	2.11
Special Features	25.21	26.78	-0.09	1.83
-do- Acc	29.56	31.40	-0.11	1.83
General Funds				
UK Growth	49.64	53.22	-0.15	2.73
Assets Earnings	66.48	70.63†	-0.24	2.21
do Acc	78.25	83.14†	-0.29	2.19
Managed Invest	75.49	80.71	-0.70	1.44
Rupert Children	72.25	77.17	-0.13	1.87
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.39	51.39	+0.01	5.95
Extra Inc	72.68	78.02	+0.02	5.07
Gilt	26.93	28.39†	-0.05	7.34
Income Gth	35.97	38.51	...	3.69
MIMstar	74.63	76.61	-0.07	8.83
Preference	17.27	18.34	+0.02	7.33
UK Income	284.60	304.70	+0.80	3.78
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	49.21	52.38†	-0.17	1.97
Property Shares	50.74	53.91	-0.22	2.60
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	131.50	138.40	-0.30	3.75
European Acc	101.90	108.00	-1.30	2.11
European Dist	96.95	102.80	-1.30	2.11
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.52	49.51	-0.75	1.03
European Perf	96.72	102.70	-1.00	1.35
-do- Acc	98.53	104.60	-1.10	1.35
Euro Small Cos	18.44	19.62	-0.07	1.01
French Growth	62.27	66.05	-0.76	0.80
-do- Acc	64.83	69.83	-0.80	0.80
Hong K/China	57.25	61.19†	-0.57	1.85
Intl Growth	44.79	47.58	-0.61	0.91
-do- Acc	44.79	47.58	-0.61	1.11
Japan Perf	23.18	24.61	-0.55	...
Accum Units	23.18	24.61	-0.55	...
Japan Smllr Cos	24.82	26.34	-0.74	...
Singapore Asean	62.92	68.27	-0.58	0.72
-do- Acc	63.31	68.70	-0.58	0.72
South East Asia	189.30	203.50	-2.00	1.04
US Smllr Cos	104.50	111.00	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	105.60	112.20	-0.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	74.40	79.28†	-0.63	3.00
Intl Bond	54.62	58.33	-0.39	6.64
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	68.48	68.80†	+0.03	6.43
Extra Income	48.46	51.58†	-0.06	7.47
Gilt Yield	116.20	122.90†	-0.30	8.33
Global Income	176.40	187.70†	-2.45	4.56
High Yield	122.90	130.70†	-0.30	6.68
Smllr Cos Div	41.45	44.10	+0.05	6.26
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.26	91.77	-2.08	...
North American	70.56	75.06	-2.54	0.25
European	119.40	127.00†	-2.30	0.84
Euro Special	71.91	76.50	-0.28	1.08
General	253.50	269.70†	-0.60	3.57
Japan	283.30	301.40	-4.70	...
Japanese Special	152.50	162.20	-3.10	...
Master Acc	199.00	211.70	-2.20	1.56
Pacific	214.70	228.40	-5.30	0.41
Smaller Cos	87.78	93.38	+0.37	2.47
UK Equity Gth	32.35	34.41	-0.10	2.88
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	67.55	71.86†	-0.29	0.97
Extra Income	22.76	24.21†	+0.06	3.98

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East	20.90	22.23	-0.49	0.97
Income Gwth	68.56	72.94	+0.08	3.06
Intl Growth	45.62	48.53	-0.43	1.01
Japan	45.84	48.77†	-0.64	...
Minimums Dist*	99.71	101.70†	...	8.32
N Amer Equity	37.52	39.91	-0.24	0.44
UK Equity	81.69	86.90	-0.29	2.06
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	50.17	53.37†	-0.12	4.98
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277-690395				
Equity Dist	403.20	429.00	-0.80	3.07
Equity Acc	799.40	807.90	-1.40	3.07
Equity Income	84.52	89.93†	+0.04	5.46
European	87.41	92.99	-1.80	1.77
Far Eastern	143.10	152.30	-1.70	0.58
Fixed Interest	48.52	51.42†	-0.07	8.00
Gilt	88.26	93.90	-0.19	6.80
Global Growth	56.36	59.86	-0.71	1.14
Intl Bond	53.81	57.24	-0.52	5.40
Japanese	48.59	51.69	-2.10	...
Overseas Equity	83.12	88.43†	-1.25	0.94
Pacific Gth	71.43	76.01	-0.45	1.58
North American	128.30	136.50†	-2.30	1.28
UK Recovery	70.81	75.44	-0.04	2.73
UK Smllr Cos	93.15	99.02†	+0.08	2.13
Worldwide	69.15	73.56	-0.30	2.80
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	301.00	320.30	+0.50	3.13
-do- Acc	652.00	693.70	+1.20	3.13
Cont Euro Gth	47.10	49.58	-0.45	1.59
-do- Acc	49.81	52.44	-0.46	1.59
Extra Inc	224.50	238.60	+0.40	4.20
-do- Acc	546.10	581.00	+1.10	4.20
German Gth	92.72	97.60	-0.14	0.37
-do- Acc	97.23	102.40	-0.20	0.37
Income	422.80	449.10	+1.20	4.00
-do- Acc	1069.0	1138.0	-3.00	4.00
Japan Growth	67.07	71.36	-1.38	0.01
-do- Acc	67.31	71.61	-1.38	0.01
Master Trust	48.82	51.94	-0.07	1.47
-do- Acc	53.10	56.49	-0.08	1.47
N American Gen	179.50	191.00	-2.00	0.01
-do- Acc	207.20	220.60	-2.30	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	131.00	139.40	-1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	133.70	142.30	-1.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	178.20	187.50	-1.80	0.54
-do- Acc	185.30	197.20	-1.70	0.54
Small Cos-Rec	275.00	289.50	+0.50	2.57
-do- Acc	354.70	373.40	+0.60	2.57
UK Growth	75.47	80.29	+0.22	2.46
-do- Acc	88.07	93.62	+0.26	2.46
Worldwide Gth	250.90	267.00	-2.50	0.34
-do- Acc	369.60	393.30	-4.00	0.34
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282473				
General	73.65	78.81	+0.09	3.10
Income	35.52	38.57	+0.28	6.40
International	50.92	54.21	-0.34	0.90
American	57.14	61.31†	-0.41	0.40
Japan	35.88	38.50	-0.57	...
TR of Inv Trusts	48.75	52.31	+0.18	2.20
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	367.80	388.70	-4.70	0.81
-do- Acc	452.80	478.60	-5.80	0.81
American Rec	374.50	396.00	-2.50	0.72
-do- Acc	428.50	453.10	-2.80	0.72
Am Sm Co Acc	114.70	121.30	-1.80	...
Australia Acc	118.70	125.60	-0.60	1.94
Capital	576.80	610.00	+1.80	3.49
-do- Acc	628.10	664.30	+1.90	3.49
Commodity Acc	337.60	357.10	-0.10	1.65
Compnd Gth	754.50	797.80	+2.80	3.54
Dividend	31.30	33.50	+0.10	4.96
-do- Acc	121.50	130.50	+0.60	4.96
Equity Inc	258.40	276.50	+0.50	6.20
European Div	52.80	56.40†	-0.40	5.25
-do- Acc	59.70	63.80	-0.40	5.25
European Gen	350.00	370.10†	-1.10	1.81
-do- Acc	437.20	462.30	-1.40	1.81
Extra Yield	329.70	352.80	+1.50	5.30
-do- Acc	947.40	1013.8	+4.10	5.30
Far Eastern	232.50	245.90	-1.50	1.56
-do- Acc	304.80	322.40	-2.00	1.56
Fund of Inv	440.90	466.30	+2.30	2.75
-do- Acc	799.60	841.40	+4.20	2.75
General	48.80	51.60†	+0.20	4.23
-do- Acc	128.40	135.70	+0.20	4.23
Gilt Fxd Int	60.70	60.70	...	9.23
do Acc	147.50	147.60	-0.10	9.23
Gold	29.70	31.40†	-0.10	2.58
-do- Acc	34.70	36.60	-0.30	2.58
High Inc	21.70	22.90†	...	5.63
-do- Acc	80.70	84.90	...	5.63
Intl Growth	60.90	64.80†	-0.50	1.22
-do- Acc	105.00	111.70	-0.90	1.22
Intl Inc	81.70	87.00	-0.70	5.44
Japan Gen Acc	36.00	38.00	-0.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	102.60	108.50	-1.90	0.16
Midland	45.50	48.10	+0.30	5.05
-do- Acc	143.90	152.10	+0.90	5.05
Recovery	32.20	34.40	+0.20	3.69
-do- Acc	50.60	54.10	+0.30	3.69
Second Gen	53.10	56.20†	...	4.30
-do- Acc	129.90	137.40	+0.10	4.30
Smaller Cos	52.50	55.70	-0.10	4.15
-do- Acc	98.10	103.70	-0.20	4.15
Trustee	34.20	36.20	...	4.67
Charibond 3	1009.93	...	-0.10	9.81
Charifund 2	576.20	582.00	+2.20	5.59
Pension ex 1	799.70	819.70	+2.90	4.82
NAACIF Inc 3	143.75	...	...	8.34
-do- Acc 3	1005.5	...	...	8.34
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	124.50	132.90†	-0.45	2.70
-do- Acc	138.00	147.60†	-0.48	2.70
UK Income	102.50	108.60†	-0.09	3.28
-do- Acc	114.50	122.20†	-0.09	3.28
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	69.53	74.36	-0.39	0.67
Far East (Pacific)	108.10	114.70	-1.30	0.50
Income Growth	67.41	71.56	+0.17	4.52
European	60.69	64.42	-0.02	2.15
Nth American	53.72	57.02	-0.52	1.27
UK Growth	71.69	76.10	+0.26	1.95
Intl Growth	79.99	84.91	-0.74	0.61
Charities	101.10	107.30	...	4.88
Intl Income	59.81	63.49†	-0.05	5.04
Japan	36.42	38.66	-0.72	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	182.30	193.40	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	194.80	206.60	-1.40	...
Cash	100.20	100.20	-1.30	6.91
-do- Acc	127.50	127.50	+0.10	6.91
European Gth	179.30	190.50	-1.00	0.37
-do- Acc	191.90	204.00	-1.00	0.37
General	436.10	465.20	+0.40	2.75
-do- Acc	817.60	872.20	+0.90	2.75
Global Dist	128.20	134.70	-0.30	5.49
-do- Acc	140.50	147.60	-0.30	5.49
Income	129.90	138.40	+0.40	5.26
-do- Acc	186.80	198.90	+0.60	5.26
International	334.50	356.40†	-2.00	1.17
-do- Acc	444.10	473.20†	-2.80	1.17

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan	134.40	142.60†	-2.70	...
-do- Acc	138.00	146.40†	-2.80	...
New Europe	123.60	131.90	-0.20	1.52
-do- Acc	123.60	131.90	-0.20	1.52
Recovery	263.20	280.80	+0.50	3.41
-do- Acc	328.90	350.90	+0.70	3.41
European Inc	69.17	73.41†	-0.34	3.20
-do- Acc	87.75	93.15†	-0.43	3.20
Brit Blue Chip	68.40	72.90	+0.11	3.66
-do- Acc	80.09	85.36	+0.13	3.66
Portfolio	69.33	73.77	-0.03	3.27
-do- Acc	77.69	82.66	-0.03	3.27
Gold General	48.49	51.73	-0.11	4.69
-do- Acc	49.16	52.44	-0.12	4.69
Pacific	78.01	83.22	-0.96	0.69
-do- Acc	82.47	87.97	-1.02	0.69
UK Smaller Cos	45.60	48.64	+0.07	1.83
-do- Acc	50.70	54.08	+0.07	1.83
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 529 208. Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced trst	54.60	58.40	-0.19	3.80
-do- Acc	54.60	58.40	-0.19	3.80
British Dist	74.31	79.48	-0.06	2.49
-do- Acc	82.09	87.80	-0.06	2.49
European Gth	152.70	163.00	-1.70	0.57
-do- Acc	191.70	204.60	-2.20	0.57
Extra High Inc	63.74	66.17†	+0.18	7.09
-do- Acc	110.80	118.50	+0.30	7.09
Gilt Fixed Inf	55.14	57.48	-0.09	7.22
-do- Acc	143.10	149.20	-0.30	7.22
High Yield	200.50	214.40	+0.30	5.52
-do- Acc	459.90	491.90	+0.60	5.52
Income	258.30	276.20	+0.30	4.31
-do- Acc	530.10	567.00	+0.70	4.31
Japan Gth	237.00	253.40	-5.20	...
-do- Acc	250.20	267.50	-5.40	...
Mandarin Acc	80.93	86.56	-1.65	1.44
North American	155.20	166.00	-1.70	0.79
-do- Acc	195.10	208.70	-2.10	0.79
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	239.90	255.50†	-3.30	0.48
Deposit Inc	100.21	100.21†	-0.40	7.40
Deposit Acc	121.01	121.01†	+0.05	7.40
Euro Gth Acc	251.50	267.30†	-1.80	...
Europa	106.80	114.80	+0.10	...
Intl Gth	146.20	156.00	-1.50	...
Japan Tracker	52.16	55.26	-0.88	...
UK Equity Inc	133.10	143.20	+0.30	5.48
-do- Acc	160.30	172.40	+0.30	5.48
UK Ind Tracker	134.80	144.40	+0.40	3.66
US Eq Ind Trkr	180.60	193.10	-1.70	1.38
-do- Acc	190.00	203.20	-1.80	1.38
Asian Tracker	124.60	135.20	-1.50	1.14
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	183.70	187.20	-1.80	2.65
European	53.70	57.22	-0.67	1.34
Olympiad	46.47	49.72	-0.12	0.78
Global Bond	45.96	46.48	-0.11	7.12
Smaller Cos	55.81	58.19	-0.08	2.09
Equity Income	80.62	86.14†	+0.11	5.41
UK Growth	79.10	81.75	-0.13	1.79
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Billet Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	45.31	48.33	-0.32	0.74
Australian Acc	246.80	264.90	-3.00	...
Conscience	59.26	63.24†	+0.12	1.45
-do- Acc	63.63	67.90	-0.11	1.45
European	154.40	164.60	-2.30	1.31
-do- Acc	164.70	175.60	-2.50	1.31
Extra Income	68.81	73.43	-0.08	6.17
-do- Acc	103.00	109.90	-0.10	6.17
Far East Gth	127.00	135.70	-2.90	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.12	60.46	-0.12	7.81
Gold	24.12	25.93	-0.29	...
-do- Acc	25.97	27.92	-0.10	...
Income	48.29	51.50†	...	5.53
-do- Acc	144.80	154.40	...	5.53
International	38.21	38.12	-0.37	0.96
-do- Acc	37.66	40.40	-0.54	0.96
Jap Sm Cos Acc	222.30	237.30	-4.70	...
S pore Mly Acc	133.60	143.20	-6.10	...
Smllr Cos Acc	22.54	24.21†	+0.44	1.88
Special Sits	30.21	32.48	+0.22	1.88
-do- Acc	34.47	37.06	+0.26	1.88
Tokyo	57.74	61.58	-1.25	...
-do- Acc	58.33	62.21	-1.36	...
US Smllr Co Acc	102.20	109.30	-1.60	...
UK Equity	150.60	160.60†	-0.60	3.12
-do- Acc	279.30	297.90	-0.90	3.12
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	63.71	67.78	-0.18	3.07
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.67	76.90	...	7.08
N&P Higher Inc	167.30	172.40†	-0.10	5.50
N&P UK Income	92.13	98.54	-0.08	4.44
N&P Intl	78.97	84.92	-0.38	2.37
N&P Smaller Cos	66.40	71.02	+0.41	1.94
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	149.02	158.54	-0.49	3.05
Global	239.04	254.30	-3.06	1.12
Income	184.15	195.89†	-0.25	4.48
Intl Bond	118.74	126.32	-1.42	7.43
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733-470470. Dealing: 0800 624577				
Growth	129.80	136.70	+0.20	3.00
-do- Acc	225.00	236.80	+0.30	3.00
Income	201.20	214.00	+0.30	4.07
Intl Equity	190.80	203.00	-2.00	1.26
-do- Acc	208.90	222.20	-2.20	1.26
Equity	203.60	216.60†	+0.20	2.79
-do- Acc	412.80	439.10	+0.30	2.79
UK Intl.25 Acc	63.20	67.23	-0.07	2.34
UK Income	54.96	58.47†	+0.16	3.55
UK Smllr Co Acc	62.54	66.53	+0.13	2.11
New Europe Acc	57.07	60.71	-0.60	1.67
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	74.66	79.86	-1.62	0.26
PEP Gth Inc	87.88	93.99	-0.67	1.28
Intl Gth	409.48	437.95	-8.23	1.44
Income	261.27	279.44	-0.91	4.50
W wide Recov	252.20	269.74	-4.85	1.03
American Gth	186.86	199.86	-3.50	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	154.76	165.52	-2.22	0.35
Far East Gth	155.47	166.28	-1.43	0.39
European Gth	99.62	106.55	-1.48	1.26
UK Growth	67.98	72.71	-0.32	3.21
High Income	71.44	76.41†	-0.29	5.36
Japanese Gth	141.80	151.14	-2.69	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	154.60	164.50	-1.80	1.00
High Income	98.83	105.10	+0.10	4.09
Conv Gilt	107.40	114.20	+3.00	6.80
Far East	259.00	275.80	-1.60	0.26
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.78	49.77	-0.94	0.59
Emerging Mkts	53.53	56.95	-0.31	0.25

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	44.92	47.84†	-0.09	1.57
International	74.90	79.68	-0.94	1.43
Gilt Units	34.02	35.69	-0.06	8.38
Global PEP	32.60	34.68	-0.26	2.25
Income Gth	58.33	62.08	-0.01	3.67
European	39.40	41.91	-0.35	1.27
Gilt/Fixed Int	26.49	28.05†	-0.08	6.39
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricecheck: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	26.83	28.69	-0.26	1.92
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.65	101.65	+0.04	6.39
-do- Acc	103.43	103.43	+0.04	6.39
Pru Equity	623.77	667.13	-1.95	2.80
Pru Equity Inc	75.55	80.80	-0.22	4.55
Pru European	155.95	166.79	-2.31	2.02
Pru Global Gth	70.84	75.76†	-0.57	1.70
Pru High Inc	79.50	84.81†	-0.27	5.77
Pru Intl	136.93	146.44†	-2.30	1.48
Pru Ind Sm Co	58.59	62.66	-0.93	1.03
Pru Japanese	125.95	134.70	-2.93	...
Pru Nth Amer	132.66	141.88	-1.80	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkt	62.86	67.22†	-1.36	2.09
Pru Premr Inc	47.99	49.98†	-0.07	7.60
Pru Smllr Cos	74.38	79.55	+0.28	2.63
Pru Spec Sits	91.94	98.33†	-0.20	2.71
Pru UK Grwth	103.96	111.18	-0.30	2.60
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	146.44	155.56	+0.59	1.98
Japan	192.44	206.38	-3.43	...
Major UK Cos	89.05	95.87†	+0.11	2.77
America Income	438.31	469.75	-4.51	0.70
-do- Acc	509.09	545.61	-5.24	0.70
Smllr UK Cos	232.20	250.88	+0.90	2.11
Smllr European	228.66	243.77	-1.16	1.73
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	66.42	70.65	-0.90	4.02
Capital Units	129.90	138.10†	-0.50	1.60
Commodity	83.31	88.62	-0.12	1.29
European Gth	138.20	147.00	-0.10	1.57
Financial Sec	153.70	161.50	-0.50	2.17
High Return	197.60	210.20†	+0.60	5.17
High Yield	194.10	206.40	+0.30	4.54
Income Units	99.81	106.10	+0.30	7.06
Investment	151.50	161.10	...	1.92
Japan Gth	100.20	106.50	-1.60	...
Japan Smaller	138.60	147.40	-2.90	...
Masterfund	41.30	43.93	-0.12	1.33
Scotbits	224.30	238.60†	-0.40	2.12
Scotshares	233.20	248.00	-0.20	3.16
Scotyields	213.60	226.10	-0.50	4.37
Select Intl	115.50	122.60	-1.20	0.75
Smaller Cos	197.10	209.60	+0.10	4.91
Special Situation	100.90	107.30	+0.10	0.59
UK Equity	208.10	221.30†	+0.70	2.92
US Growth	131.50	139.80	-1.20	0.32
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Ser: 0800 526 535, Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	223.91	238.73	-5.32	0.62
-do- Acc	241.79	257.91	-5.75	0.62
Australian	109.59	116.89	-2.77	0.30
-do- Acc	128.00	136.53	-3.23	0.30
UK Enterprise	186.77	199.22†	-0.70	3.88
-do- Acc	215.73	230.11	-0.81	3.88
European Gth	56.72	60.50†	-0.81	1.36
-do- Acc	58.72	62.63	-0.83	1.36
Euro Smllr Cos	51.00	54.40†	-0.33	0.77
-do- Acc	51.35	54.77	-0.33	0.77
Far Eastern Gth	58.59	60.36	-1.39	...
-do- Acc	57.50	61.33	-1.41	...
Fixed Interest	51.52	54.29	-0.08	8.70
-do- Acc	61.72	65.04	-0.08	8.70
Gilt Income	101.12	106.52	-0.20	9.05
-do- Acc	136.72	144.02	-0.26	9.05
Income	278.13	296.67	-1.49	4.49
-do- Acc	805.60	859.31	-4.32	4.49
Japan Enterprise	46.32	49.40	-0.92	...
-do- Acc	46.32	49.40	-0.92	...
Japan Smllr Cos	295.69	315.40†	-5.33	...
-do- Acc	296.28	316.03	-5.34	...
Pacific Gth	73.99	78.81	-1.60	0.88
-do- Acc	75.68	80.71	-1.65	0.88
Smaller Cos	166.56	177.66†	+0.39	1.73
-do- Acc	190.89	203.60	+0.44	1.73
Tokyo	74.71	79.69	-1.74	...
-do- Acc	75.47	80.49	-1.76	...
UK Equity	188.87	201.46†	-0.85	3.40
-do- Acc	349.74	373.06	-1.58	3.40
US Smllr Cos	117.57	125.40	-1.80	...
-do- Acc	117.57	125.40	-1.80	...
World Fd	64.20	68.48	-0.59	1.91
-do- Acc	67.17	71.64	-0.62	1.91
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	39.53	42.10	+0.30	5.23
Equity Strategy	58.41	62.21	+0.53	2.69
European Opps	66.02	70.31	+0.13	3.22
Maximum Inc	100.42	103.07	+0.04	6.21
UK Smaller Cos	44.94	47.86	+0.09	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	324.70	347.10	-0.50	3.18
American	235.60	250.20	-2.40	0.93
Pacific	253.90	271.50	-5.10	0.96
European	409.70	438.20	-3.50	1.35
Worldwide	71.99	76.99	-0.81	1.82
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	288.00	306.40†	+0.50	3.08
UK Sm Cos Eqty	182.00	193.70†	+0.40	3.18
European	303.60	323.00	-1.60	1.79
North American	239.30	254.60	-3.30	0.53
Income Plus Inc	60.07	63.91	+0.49	4.05
UK Spec Sits	62.21	66.19	+0.05	2.78
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/20				
Equity Gth Acc	23.68	25.34	+0.04	1.47
Intl Growth Acc	25.00	26.76	-0.17	1.33
Global Inc Acc	28.88	30.91†	-0.09	4.30
Market Lnks Acc	24.26	25.97	-0.02	3.40
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	78.85	84.33	-1.26	...
Euro Spec Sits	39.70	42.17	-0.17	...
-do- Acc	42.05	44.65	-0.18	...
Far East Opps	26.75	28.82†	-0.49	...
-do- Acc	27.49	29.61	-0.50	...
General Growth	93.56	100.50†	...	...
Global Tech	119.80	129.20	-1.30	...
Income Growth	92.89	99.97†	+0.07	4.14
Income Monthly	54.47	58.25	+0.38	5.38
Japan Growth	57.38	61.00†	-1.38	...
Overseas Gth	66.10	70.37	-1.01	...
Smaller Cos	65.41	70.33	+0.36	2.01
Special Opps	87.36	93.93	-0.37	2.25
Wld Spec Sits	40.36	43.47†	-0.27	...
-do- Acc	40.45	43.57†	-0.27	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	40.68	43.23	-0.10	1.89
Equity Gth Acc	56.54	60.08	+0.20	1.16

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Eq General	40.10	42.61	-0.10	2.56
-do- Acc	52.62	55.91	-0.10	2.56
European Acc	38.26	40.80	...	1.45
Far East Acc	42.15	44.90	-0.70	0.01
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.49	31.19	...	6.98
N American Acc	42.39	45.06	-0.60	0.82
O'sea Lgr Cos Acc	232.90	251.30	-2.10	1.79
UK Eq High Inc	38.05	39.12	+0.10	4.10
-do- Acc	38.72	41.14	+0.10	4.10
UK Lgr Cos Inc	279.90	299.40	+0.70	4.08
UK Lgr Cos Acc	354.90	383.10	+0.90	4.08
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$33.30	NZ$35.90	...	1.08
US Eq	$1.984	$2.086		0.90
Far East Eq	Y194.8	Y206.4	...	...
Japan Eq	Y191.9	Y203.9		
FT Europe	105.90	112.90	...	1.30
FT North Am	$1.671	$1.777		0.90
FT Japan	Y188.7	Y199.8		
FT Asia Ex Jap	103.70	109.90		1.10
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	331.00	351.90	-4.30	0.31
British	873.20	921.90	-0.60	4.07
European	338.70	360.70	-1.80	1.77
Japan	104.40	111.10	-2.50	...
New Pacific	258.10	274.90	-2.60	1.32
Mngd Cash	95.06	95.60	...	6.41
Majority Stk	60.82	100.82	...	4.16
Inc Tst	166.40	176.41	+0.10	2.18
Saints PPF	342.00	360.10	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690439				
Equity Acc	677.70	721.80	-8.10	2.95
N America Acc	108.80	114.30	-1.10	0.50
Far East Acc	60.20	64.10	-1.40	0.11
W wide Bond	57.55	61.06	-0.73	5.50
European	74.86	80.00	-0.90	0.52
Equity Income	75.84	81.11†	+0.06	4.46
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.31	34.50	-0.31	0.74
Managed Assets	110.74	118.64†	-0.19	3.43
UK Income	34.20	36.58	+0.11	4.27
UK Growth	34.39	36.79	+0.05	2.90
Worldwide Gth	27.09	28.98	-0.24	0.66
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	188.21	200.22	-3.00	0.22
-do- Acc	200.71	214.90	-3.31	0.22
British Gth	80.26	85.39	-0.13	2.45
-do- Acc	93.66	99.64	-0.10	2.45
European	83.50	88.91	-1.00	1.07
-do- Acc	88.10	93.70	-1.09	1.07
Extra Inc	170.06	180.90	-1.74	4.86
-do- Acc	268.95	286.10	-2.72	4.86
General Unit	245.98	261.50	-0.88	2.77
-do- Acc	485.00	515.90	-1.74	2.77
Income	296.58	315.51	-0.38	3.97
-do- Acc	604.10	642.65	-0.78	3.97
International	444.07	472.42	-4.23	0.72
-do- Acc	580.47	617.52	-5.51	0.72
Pacific	287.21	305.61	-1.00	0.04
-do- Acc	300.86	320.06	-1.04	0.04
Premier Income	48.71	51.75†	-0.05	7.40
-do- Acc	100.07	106.24	-0.10	7.40
Nat Resources	80.52	85.65	-1.18	...
-do- Acc	86.08	91.20	-1.30	...
Selected Opps	88.31	93.97	-1.00	1.36
-do- Acc	110.30	117.34	-1.26	1.36
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	116.30	121.95†	-1.00	0.42
Australia	6.077	6.500†	-0.06	1.21
Equity	170.30	182.10†	+0.10	3.82
Euro Spec Sits	131.70	140.00	-1.30	0.62
Financial	35.40	37.94	-0.00	3.20
Global Opps Inc	80.22	85.64	-0.68	2.35
-do- Acc	83.15	88.82	-0.71	2.35
Gold Gen Inc	16.64	17.15	-0.87	1.18
-do- Acc	66.11	70.95	-0.45	1.18
Income	110.50	118.30†	-0.10	4.23
Japan General	107.50	114.40	-2.50	...
Preference	20.56	22.40†	...	8.10
UK Capital	97.08	103.49	-0.10	3.25
Worldwide Cap	103.40	109.93	-0.90	3.28
World Income	75.51	80.50†	-0.53	3.76
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smll Cos	67.45	71.94	-1.27	...
-do- Acc	69.57	74.20	-1.30	...
Cash	50.90	50.90	+0.02	7.00
-do- Acc	60.58	60.58	+0.02	7.00
European Opps	56.35	60.05	-0.71	0.49
-do- Acc	56.94	60.68	-0.71	0.49
Far East Opps	123.30	131.52	-2.00	0.74
-do- Acc	128.17	134.56	-2.06	0.74
Gold/Nat Res	30.94	33.00	-0.47	...
-do- Acc	31.83	33.95	-0.48	...
Japan	56.11	59.76	-1.57	...
-do- Acc	56.11	59.76	-1.57	...
Little Dragons	58.87	62.79	-0.17	0.71
-do- Acc	60.39	64.41	-0.17	0.71
Oriental Income	56.21	59.62	-0.50	4.12
-do- Acc	45.72	48.76	-0.62	4.12
Tiger	186.19	198.60	-1.99	1.13
-do- Acc	194.75	207.73	-1.66	1.13
UK Small Cos	61.82	66.11	+0.74	2.46
-do- Acc	70.88	75.60	+0.85	2.46
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	209.80	223.00	+0.50	4.30
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DA. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	9.20	9.78	-0.10	0.30
Pacific Basin	27.06	28.78	-0.34	0.80
Canadian Gth	31.36	33.25	-0.18	0.10
Global Bond	$0.954	$0.994	+0.012	7.33
Penny Share	18.70	19.89	-0.01	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.01	52.01†	+0.01	8.92
Gilt Growth	63.34	65.92	-0.17	...
Gilt Income	51.01	53.05†	-0.11	8.69
Short Dtd Gilt	107.90	109.30	-0.20	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.707	$0.716	+0.000	...
Challenger	88.04	90.10	-0.90	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0705 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	63.73	67.79	-0.24	2.30

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	2,700	Coats Viyella	706	Legal & Gn	379	Scot & New	569
Alld-Lyons	2,100	Cm Union	299	Lloyds Bk	2,100	Scot Power	3,000
Anglian W	473	Courtaulds	1,000	MB Cardn	465	Sears	1,100
Argyll Gp	1,300	De La Rue	324	Marks Spr	2,800	Svrn Trent	948
Arjo Wiggn	1,700	Eng China C	559	NFC	4,500	Shell Trans	2,100
AB Foods	240	Enterpr Oil	1,700	NatWst Bk	3,000	Siebe	424
BAA	1,400	Fisons	2,600	Nat Power	3,400	SmKl Bch	3,500
BAT Inds	631	Forte	1,900	Nth Wst W	798	Smith Nph	1,400
BOC	860	GRE	526	Nthrn Fds	582	Smith (WH)	290
BP	12,000	GUS A	70	P & O	1,300	Southern Elec	47
BT	3,200	Gen Acc	800	Pearson	476	Std Chartd	952
BTR	1,200	Gen Elec	3,800	PowerGen	1,500	Sun Allnce	799
Bk of Scot	1,000	Glaxo	5,000	Prudential	1,100	TI Gp	504
Barclays	3,400	Granada	508	RTZ	820	TSB	1,800
Bass	1,000	Grand Met	1,400	Rank Org	663	Tate & Lyle	2,500
Blue Circle	3,300	Guinness	1,100	Reckitt Col	308	Tesco	2,900
Boots	1,100	HSBC	5,500	Redland	1,200	Thames W	807
Bowater	829	Hanson	3,700	Reed Intl	550	Thrn EMI	208
Brit Airwys	5,300	ICI	1,700	Rentokil	2,000	Tomkins	1,300
Brit Gas	3,600	Inchcape	673	Reuters	963	Unilever	546
Brit Steel	5,500	Kingfisher	753	Rothmans	274	Utd Bisc	1,200
Burmah Cast	444	Kwik Save	271	Ryl Ins	2,400	Vodafone	848
Cable Wire	1,300	LASMO	803	Ryl Bk Scot	2,200	Wellcome	1,000
Cadbury	2,600	Ladbroke	1,500	Sainsbury	1,400	Whitbd 'A'	672
Carlton Cms	153	Land Secs	812	Scot Hydro	593	Wlms Hld	519

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3290.31 (+33.50)
S&P Composite .... 440.07 (+3.96)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 16287.45 (-49.36)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... Closed

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 98.0 (-0.9)

Sydney: AO .... 1523.4 (+0.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1569.24 (-18.40)

FT 30 share: .... 2145.0 (-7.2)

Brussels:
General .... 5763.53 (+6.70)

Paris: CAC .... 481.25 (+2.09)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 463.9 (-1.9)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1344.37 (-3.68)
FT 500 .... 1485.47 (-3.99)
FT Gold Mines .... 63.2 (-0.6)
FT Fixed Interest .... 109.31 (+0.05)
FT Govt Secs .... 93.70 (-0.29)
Bargains 31171
SEAQ Volume 490.3m
USM (Datastrm) .... 126.11 (+0.21)

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First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 25	February 12	May 6	May 17

Call options were taken out on 25/1/93: Anglian Secs, ASDA, Barratt Dev, Britton Group, DC Cook, Dobson Park, Enterprise Computers, GM Firth, Lamont, Mid-States, Pimencrief, Trio.

Puts: Automated Sec, Evans Holdings.

FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 93	2795.0	2801.0	2772.0	2782.0	8656
Previous open interest: 45593	Jun 93	2808.0	2808.0	2808.0	2802.0	9
Three Month Sterling	Mar 93	93.61	93.62	93.54	93.55	29324
Previous open interest: 246022	Jun 93	93.92	93.97	93.87	93.93	10827
	Sep 93	94.00	94.07	93.97	94.03	4492
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 93	96.66	96.68	96.66	96.68	864
Previous open interest: 20017	Jun 93	96.41	96.43	96.40	96.44	872
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 93	92.05	92.08	92.00	92.00	29719
Previous open interest: 418393	Jun 93	92.80	92.82	92.74	92.75	27091
US Treasury Bond	Mar 93	106-10	106-21	106-09	106-22	170
Previous open interest: 727	Jun 93				105-14	0
Long Gilt	Mar 93	100-06	100-12	100-01	100-02	18670
Previous open interest: 63090	Jun 93				100-22	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	109.40	109.53	109.40	109.53	601
	Jun 93				108.90	0
German Govmt Bond	Mar 93	92.99	93.01	92.65	92.68	35660
Previous open interest: 152624	Jun 93	92.91	92.91	92.72	92.70	587
Three month ECU	Mar 93	90.68	90.68	90.48	90.48	1206
Previous open interest: 13082	Jun 93	91.61	91.62	91.45	91.45	1304
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 93	94.59	94.66	94.56	94.57	4738
Previous open interest: 37938	Jun 93	94.89	94.96	94.89	94.89	963
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 93	95.35	95.44	95.10	95.26	8215
Previous open interest: 26360	Jun 93	95.37	95.37	95.37	95.29	1

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.4 (day's range 79.8-80.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7436-2.7631	2.7553-2.7587	⅛-⅜ds	¾-1ds
Brussels	50.17-50.57	50.44-50.55	4-8ds	15-21ds
Copenhagen	9.3630-9.4670	9.4440-9.4670	2¼-4⅞ds	8¼-11⅛ds
Dublin	0.9210-0.9245	0.9210-0.9244	69pr-48ds	191-342ds
Frankfurt	2.4383-2.4524	2.4491-2.4524	⅛-⅜ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Lisbon	219.43-221.55	220.76-221.23	121-130ds	359-376ds
Madrid	172.24-174.50	173.40-174.30	89-107ds	295-321ds
Milan	2246.40-2269.30	2255.90-2265.30	8-10ds	28-31ds
Montreal	1.9603-1.9926	1.9905-1.9926	0.13-0.04pr	0.22-0.02pr
New York	1.5345-1.5590	1.5580-1.5590	0.52-0.51pr	1.34-1.32pr
Oslo	10.3620-10.4540	10.4300-10.4540	2⅛-3⅞ds	8-10⅛ds
Paris	8.2370-8.3260	8.3110-8.3260	3¼-3⅞ds	9½-10⅛ds
Stockholm	10.9400-11.0580	11.0340-11.0580	1⅞-3⅜ds	7½-10⅛ds
Tokyo	191.72-192.98	192.82-192.93	⅜-¼pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.14-17.29	17.23-17.28	1½-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅞ds
Zurich	2.2365-2.2536	2.2505-2.2536	⅜-¼pr	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5573-1.5600
Australia dollar	2.3177-2.3210
Bahrain dinar	0.571-0.583
Brazil cruzeiro*	23282.6-23297.7
Cyprus pound	0.7195-0.7295
Finland markka	8.2295-8.3455
Greece drachma	321.5-328.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.0370-12.0449
India rupee	43.75-44.71
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4715
Malaysia ringgit	4.0323-4.0397
Mexico peso	4.68-4.78
New Zealand dollar	3.0067-3.0146
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.677-5.803
Singapore dollar	2.5550-2.5630
S Africa rand (fin)	7.44-7.64
S Africa rand (com)	4.7558-4.7613
U A E dirham	5.558-5.682

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4880-1.4892
Austria	11.07-11.09
Belgium (Com)	32.40-32.44
Canada	1.2775-1.2780
Denmark	6.0620-6.0720
France	5.3300-5.3350
Germany	1.5750-1.5760
Hong Kong	7.7315-7.7335
Ireland	1.6825-1.6875
Italy	1452.0-1457.0
Japan	123.80-123.90
Malaysia	2.5890-2.5920
Netherlands	1.7715-1.7725
Norway	6.6950-6.7050
Portugal	142.00-142.20
Singapore	1.6405-1.6445
Spain	111.50-112.00
Sweden	7.0825-7.0925
Switzerland	1.4448-1.4458

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7½

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 8¼ Low 7 Week fixed: 7⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅞; 3 mth 6⅞. Sell: 2 mth 6⅞; 3 mth: 6⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6¾	6¾-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾
Overnight: open 7⅛, close 7	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7	6¾-6⅝	6⅞-6¾
Local Authority Deps:	7⅛	n/a	6⅞	6¾	6¾
Sterling CDs:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6¾
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.13-3.10	3.25-3.20	3.64-3.60
Building Society CDs:	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7⅛	7⅛-7	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1992. Agreed rates Jan 26, 1993 to Feb 23, 1993 Scheme I: 8.38%. Schemes II & III: 8.50%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1992 to Dec 31, 1992 Scheme IV & V: 7.232%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8⅛-7⅞	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	12⅛-12	12-11⅞	11⅞-11⅞	10⅞-10⅞	16-11
Swiss Franc:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅛-5⅛	n/a
Yen:	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	3⅛-3⅛	4⅛-3⅛

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $328.40-328.80 Close: $328.60-329.00 High: $330.00-330.50 Low: $328.10-328.60 Krugerrand: $328.00-330.00 (£210.50-212.00)

Sovereigns: Old $78.50-81.50 (£50.00-52.00) New $78.50-81.50 (£50.00-52.00)

Platinum: $361.25 (£233.30) Silver: $3.69 (£2.365) Palladium: $108.50 (£70.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon	550	53	67	77	1	8	21
(*597½)	600	10	33	45	8	26	43
ASDA	60	7½	11	14	½	4½	6
(*65½)	70	1	5	10	5	9	11½
Bass	550	45	62	76	1	11	22
(*592½)	600	4½	32	48	14	28	43
Boots	500	20	37	46	3	13	25
(*517½)	550	1	13	23	34	40	52
Br Airways	260	14	26	33	1	10	21
(*271)	280	2½	16	23	10	20	31
BP	220	12	18	23	1	7½	13
(*231½)	240	1½	8½	14	13	18	23
	260	1	4	8½	32	33	37
Br Steel	60	7	10	13½	1	4	6½
(*65½)	70	1	6	8½	6	9½	12
C & W	700	18	46	64	3½	24	40
(*711)	750	1	22	39	40	53	68
CU	600	27	41	51	1½	21	31
(*619)	650	1½	15	29	30	51	60
Courtauld	500	45	59	68	1½	9	20
(*542½)	550	3½	27	40	11	30	42
GKN	420	41	48	54	2	11	16
(*458)	460	5½	21	31	8	29	36
Grnd Met	420	19	36	45	2	14	22
(*435)	460	2	15	29	27	35	42
ICI	1050	70	88	108	1	34	51
(*1107)	1100	18	52	80	4½	60	75
	1150	3	27	58	38	93	107
Kingfshr	500	52	65	73	1	7	17
(*549½)	550	6	31	43	7	25	39
Ladbroke	180	14	25	30	1	11	18
(*191½)	200	1½	14	22	10	22	30
Land Sec	460	2	16	22	16	22	38
(*447½)	500	1	5	8	53	53	68
M & S	300	23	32	36	1	7	11
(*319)	330	2	13	20	11	17	23
Sainsbury	550	11	32	44	4	19	31
(*554½)	600	1	11	22	47	50	60
Shell	500	30	35	45	1	11	16
(*529)	550	1	8	19	23	40	44
Smkl Bch	500	6	27	43	10	27	35
(*494)	550	1	10	23	57	61	68
Storehse	200	14	24	31	2	8½	15
(*211)	220	2½	14	21	10	19	25
Trafalgar	90	4	10½	15	1½	6½	11
(*92½)	100	1	6½	10½	8	12	16
Unilever	1100	14	48	68	7	36	46
(*1108½)	1150	3	25	46	46	66	75
Utd Bisc	330	28	34	39	1½	8½	15
(*356)	360	4	15	22	7	24	30

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA	750	44	65	75	6	19	30
(*781)	800	15	36	48	29	42	53
BAT Ind	950	38	52	69	16	42	52
(*966)	1000	13	29	46	43	74	80
BTR	500	54	58	62	2½	9	14
(*547)	550	12	24	35	14	29	34
Br Aero	200	34	46	57	8	19	27
(*227)	220	20	33	43	16	32	37
Br Telcm	360	31	40	45	1½	6	12
(*386)	390	9½	21	26½	11	17	26
Cadbury	460	29	37	45	5	16	22
(*478½)	500	7½	17	27	24	39	43
Guinness	460	24	36	49	12	27	34
(*466)	500	6	20	31	37	53	58
GEC	260	19	27	31	2½	6	11
(*274½)	280	6	15	19	9½	13½	21
Hanson	220	19½	25	28½	2	5	7½
(*237)	240	7	12½	17	7	13	16½
LASMO	140	19	25	29	4½	11	15
(*153½)	160	6½	15	20	13	22	26
Lucas	130	13	19	23	6½	14	16
(*136½)	140	7	15	18	12	19	21
P & O	500	47	58	67	8½	28	37
(*535)	550	18	30	43	32	60	67
Pilkingtn	90	15	21	22	4	9	13
(*99)	100	8½	15	19	9	14	18
Prudential	280	19	24	29	4	12	17
(*291½)	300	7	13	19	13	23	27
RTZ	650	26	39	53	17	40	48
(*655½)	700	7	20	32	50	72	80
Scot New	420	30	44	50	6	13	22
(*445)	460	8	23	30	26	32	42
Tesco	260	10	18	25	10	17	19
(*260)	280	3	11	16	22	29	31
Thames W	460	20	34	39	7	15	25
(*470½)	500	3½	14	20	33	36	49
Vodafone	390	12	27	36	18	28	35
(*386)	420	4½	15½	25	42	48	54

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	360	17	26	35	19	25	30
(*357½)	390	6	15	23	39	46	48
Amstrad	20	6½	7½	8	1	2	2
(*25)	25	3	4½	5½	3	4	4½
Barclays	390	37	44	53	16	26	35
(*415)	420	20	30	39	34	43	50
Blue Circ	200	24	32	39	13	24	30
(*209½)	220	15	23	31	24	36	42
Br Gas	260	31	33	37	2½	8	10
(*284)	280	15	18½	24	8	15	19
	300	6½	10	15	19	28	30
Dixons	220	27	37	40	7	13	20
(*236½)	240	15	25	30	15	23	30
Eurotnl	390	35	53	68	21	35	43
(*400)	420	18	37	52	42	54	60
Forte	160	21	25	28	5½	13	16
(*175)	180	10	14	19	15	25	28
Glaxo	700	29	53	71	43	55	63
(*693½)	750	15	34	52	77	88	95
	800	7½	22	36	118	128	131
HSBC	500	59	67	79	11	24	33
(*543½)	550	28	41	54	31	47	56
Hillsdwn	140	18	24	27	7	14	18
(*148½)	160	8½	14	19	18	27	31
Lonrho	70	8½	13	15	7	9½	13
(*73)	80	5	8½	10	13	16	19
Reuter	1300	67	98	128	58	82	97
(*1307)	1350	42	74	110	92	113	125
R-Royce	110	10	14	18	8½	12	15
(*113)	120	6	10	14	15	18	20½
Sears	100	7	10½	14	6	10	12
(*99)	110	4	7	9	12	15	18
Thrn Emi	800	48	70	81	17	28	44
(*821)	850	22	44	54	42	54	73
TSB	160	10	14	22	10	14	17
(*163)	180	3	7	11	25	27	29
Vaal Reefs	30	3	3½	5	4	4½	5½
(*30)	35	1½	2½	3½	7	8	9
Wellcome	900	50	84	110	29	51	67
(*910)	950	28	59	83	57	77	92

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Fisons	220	9	26	34	3½	18	29
(*223)	240	1½	16	26	17	30	40

Series		Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastrn Elc	400	26	39	-	6	13	-
(*415½)	430	9	-	-	20	-	-

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	280	29	37	40½	5½	9	15
(*301)	300	15	24½	28	13	18	24
Scot Pwr	220	12	19	23	6	9½	16
(*224)	240	4	9½	14	19	21	26

FT-SE INDEX (*2770)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
Feb	129	89	53	31½	15	7
Mar	152	115	84½	57	39	25
Apr	177	141	111	85	63½	45
May	192	159	129	102	80	60½
Jun	—	181	—	124	—	79½
Puts						
Feb	12½	22½	40½	66½	102	146
Mar	29	42½	62½	86½	117	155
Apr	45	60½	81	104	134	170
May	54½	72½	93½	117	144	177
Jun	—	89	—	135	—	194

January 25, 1993 Tot: 21078 Calls 12641 Puts 8437 FT-SE Calls 2248 Puts 4158

*Underlying security price.

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REPORT: White sugar futures were little changed as the market continued to lack any clear trend. Cocoa futures finished with losses, depressed by the strength of sterling and indications the market had become overbought during its recent modest run-up. Robusta coffee futures finished with heavy losses amid continued chart-based selling in New York with no sign yet of any abatement in the current downtrend.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Mar	719-717	May	799-797
May	726-725	Jul	813 SLR
Jul	738-736	Sep	826 SLR
Sep	748-747	Dec	855 SLR
Dec	765-764		
Mar	786-785		Volume: 5639

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	872-868	Sep	861-860
Mar	855-854	Nov	877-875
May	862-861	Jan	890-880
Jul	853-852		Volume: 3333

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	193.0-91.0
Spot: n/a		Dec	196.0-92.0
Mar	189.0-87.0	Mar	195.0-91.0
May	192.0-91.6	May	197.0-93.0
Aug	194.0-92.0		Volume: 2

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	244.5-43.6
Spot: 260.5		Dec	247.0-46.1
Mar	254.2-53.6	Mar	248.5-47.5
May	255.6-55.0	May	251.4-50.5
Aug	259.6-58.0		Volume: 918

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.83	90.00	117.64
(+/-)	+0.41	+2.54	-0.32
Eng/Wales:	80.78	89.82	117.99
(+/-)	+0.46	+2.00	+0.61
(%)	-14.4	-27.4	-31.8
Scotland:	82.08	91.33	114.69
(+/-)	-0.49	+5.34	-2.19
(%)	-24.9	-58.6	-41.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Mar	105.0	105.0	May	105.0	105.0
Apr	105.0	105.0		Volume: 11	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	137.00
May	139.00
Jun	139.80
Sep	109.45
Nov	111.60
	Volume: 68

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	133.30
May	134.75
Sep	107.85
Nov	110.80
Jan	114.10
	Volume: 93

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	152.30
Apr	150.80
Jun	140.80
Aug	141.80
Oct	unq
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	59.5	59.0
May	68.0	68.0
Apr	unq	unq
		Volume: 30

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kg)
Mar 65.50-65.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Opec's President, on a tour of Middle East producers was informed that members might curtail their output.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.65	+0.60
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.75	+0.60
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.85	+0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	19.40	+0.60
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	19.50	+0.55

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	185 (+2)	187 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	168 (+6)	169 (+6)
Non EEC 1H Feb	172 (+6)	173 (+6)
Non EEC 1H Mar	171 (+5)	172 (+5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	71 (+1)	72 (+1)
Naphtha	176 (+2)	178 (+3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Feb	167.00-67.25	May	166.25-66.50
Mar	167.00-67.25	Jun	166.25-66.50
Apr	166.25-66.50	Jul	168.00-68.25
			Vol: 15902

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	17.84 BID	Jun	18.12-18.13
Apr	17.95-17.96	Jul	18.15-18.20
May	18.05 BID		Vol: 31523

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Feb	188.00-88.50	May	198.00-98.50
Mar	190.00-91.50	Jun	191.50 BID
Apr	197.50-99.00		Vol: 163

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

Jan 93	High: 1280	Low: 1280	Close: 1275
Feb 93	1295	1295	1288
Mar 93	1300	1300	1292
Apr 93	1301	1290	1290

Vol: 82 lots. Open Int'st: 3187 Index 1272 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1435.0-1435.5	1456.0-1457.0	692625
Lead (£/tonne)	275.50-276.50	286.00-286.50	27400
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1053.0-1053.5	1072.0-1072.5	255925
Tin ($/tonne)	5910.0-5920.0	5975.0-5980.0	5660
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1190.0-1190.5	1212.0-1212.5	762525
Nickel ($/tonne)	5730.0-5735.0	5800.0-5805.0	67830

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Earlier losses halved

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 18. Dealings end January 29. §Contango day February 1. Settlement day February 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Macro 4	Electrical	
2	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
3	Johnstne Press	Newspapr,Pub	
4	Porvair	Chems,Plas	
5	Shell	Oils, Gas	
6	Perma	Business Serv	
7	Lookers	Motors,Air	
8	Oliver (G)	Drapery,Stos	
9	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
10	Enterprise	Oils, Gas	
11	MTL Inst	Electrical	
12	Barratt Devs	Building,Rds	
13	Wardle Storeys	Chems,Plas	
14	Johnson Clean	Business Serv	
15	Seton Health	Industrial	
16	Radius	Electrical	
17	Br Steel	Industrial	
18	Appleyard	Motors,Air	
19	Cowie (T)	Motors,Air	
20	Chamberlin Hill	Industrial	
21	Baird (Wm)	Industrial	
22	Watmough	Paper,Print	
23	Invrgordn Dist	Breweries	
24	Wassall	Industrial	
25	Hi-Tec Sports	Leisure	
26	Nichols (JN)	Foods	
27	Mirror Gp.	Newspapr,Pub	
28	Schroders	Banks,Disc	
29	Leslie	Mining	
30	Cray Elect	Electrical	
31	Scot & New	Breweries	
32	LASMO	Oils, Gas	
33	Electron House	Electrical	
34	More O'Ferrall	Paper,Print	
35	Nat West	Banks,Disc	
36	Reuters	Industrial	
37	Aus Oil & Gas	Oils, Gas	
38	Geest	Foods	
39	Johnson Matth	Industrial	
40	Leeds	Textiles	

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1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

399	245	Abbey Nt	397	-5	30.5	3.9	12.8
194	154	Allied Irish	197	-3	...	6.2	11.9
199½	106	Am Exp 2	194½	-3½	...	6.8	...
3450	1930	Bankamerica	3425 †	-25	...	...	...
200	141	Bk of Ireland	195	-5	...	5.1	28.5
345	320	Bk Lomd UK	335	...	...	16.9	7.5
130½	97	Bank Scotland	128½	-1	4.3	4.6	19.9
416	274	Barclays	415	+2	21.1	6.8	...
6	½	Bendinmark	5½	...	...	...	...
304	8	Brown Shipley	430	+5	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	19	+½	...	...	...
428	295	Cater Allen	413	...	20.0	8.4	...
95	61	Cedar	92	+1	3.8	5.5	13.4
1962½	912½	Chase Manh	1920 †	+12½	...	...	...
1700	1375	Chicorp	1695d	-6½	...	...	...
285	205	Close Bros	285	...	9.5	3.4	12.7
6300½	6884	Commercbk	6300d	+55	...	3.8	...
1281	1214	Deutsche Bk	1260	+30	...	3.5	...
87½	13	First Nat Fin	84	+4	...	...	...
1104	488	Fuji Bank ¥	881	-32	...	0.5	53.9
380	230	Gerrard Nat	373	-1	21.0	7.5	...
570	296	HSBC	544	-9½	...	3.6	22.3
572	313	HSBC HK	522	-12	...	2.3	21.5
252	202	Hambros	248	-2	11.4	6.9	11.8
365	308	Joseph (H)	355	...	...	5.8	6.1
110	54	King Shaxson	109	...	2.0	4.1	...
330	212	Kleinwort Ben	318	+1	16.5	6.7	22.8
549	346	Lloyds	512	+15	16.7	4.1	17.4
68	48	Lon Scot Mt	68	...	3.0	6.2	...
561	298	Nat Austr Bk	526	...	8.5	2.1	10.1
444	251	Nat West	443	+8	17.5	5.3	61.3
713	418	Provident	715	+2	25.0	4.7	14.4
45	28	Rea Bros	44	...	4.0	9.1	...
225	157	Rl Bk Scot	225	+3	12.0	6.8	12.1
1465	1043	Schroders	1465	+3	18.0	1.5	17.1
653	304	Stand Chartr	651	...	20.0	4.1	16.9
167	115	TSB	165	-1	6.4	5.3	...
200	38	Union Discount	200	...	18.0	4.3	16.6
605	403	Warburg SG	570	...	...	...	...
204	137	-do- 6% 'A'	204	...	...	11.1	...
6487½	3087½	Wells Fargo	6387½	-100	...	7.6	...
183	99	Westpac	178	-2	...	6.4	...
253	188	Whitbread	190	...	6.3	6.5	7.2

BREWERIES

712	526	Allied-Lyons	707	+6	30.0	4.5	13.8
166	472	Bass	554	+3	19.8	4.3	12.8
225	146	Boddingtons	222	+4	6.4	2.8	12.6
463	330	Brakspear (BW)	366	+3	9.0	2.5	16.8
147	111	Burtonwd Brw	141	...	4.4	4.1	21.6
291	194	Dowgate (Ja)	277	+3	7.8	2.8	...
197	68	Burridge F 'A'	93	...	...	...	21.0
894	43	Bushfld Brewing	89½	...	...	2.2	...
440	340	Fstr Sn 'A'	387	-3	...	2.5	14.9
518	360	Gound Mst	438	-1	...	2.5	14.6
430½	283	Greenalls Gp	430	+3	...	2.3	13.5
538	406	Greene King	538	+6	14.0	2.6	13.6
493	406	Gunnes	468	...	12.0	2.6	13.4
396	265	Hardy Hanson	377	-2	7.8	2.1	...
145	113	Hawthorn	113	...	3.0	2.6	15.7
168	78	-do- 'A' NV	78	...	...	2.7	8.0
197	137	Highland Distl	202	...	6.0	3.1	12.4
48	21	Hoskins Brew	35	...	...	...	23.6
335	244	Invrgordn Dist	275	+6	6.5	2.3	15.6
220	151	Macallan-Glen	193	...	4.6	2.3	16.9
380	280	Macdn Mstrn V	418	...	9.0	2.2	13.1
258	195	Mansfield	251	-1	4.6	1.8	14.7
269	195	Mcnze Thmp	260	...	7.0	2.7	14.7
497	304	Matthew Clark	324	-6	11.7	3.6	10.2
351	230	Matthew W	328	...	...	...	14.3
493	330	Maxtead	493	...	8.4	1.7	19.3
½	...	Paramount 'A'	...	...	...	...	...
1020	665	SA Breweries	885	-30	...	2.4	...
493	380	Scot & Nwcle	480	+6	16.1	3.4	12.4
260	168	Thomson Clkr	252	+6	9.0	3.6	15.6
220	168	Vaux Group	220	...	9.3	4.2	15.6
231	165	Wethrspoon ID	231	+3	...	...	16.2
497	347	Whitbread 'A'	490	+1	16.9	3.4	20.8
1430	1080	-do- 'F'	1385	...	46.0	3.3	20.8
660	510	Wolverhampton D	580	+1	11.4	2.7	16.0
545	453	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.6

BUILDING, ROADS

98	60	Abbey	90	...	...	1.6	30.7
26	9	Alfreghtons	15	...	...	...	...
128	54	Alkan	62	-3	...	10.2	10.5
182	52	Amec	81	+2	10.2	...	6.2
½	...	Anglia Sec	½	+½	...	...	...
152	85	Ashtead	124	...	4.1	3.2	23.1
151	100	Ashworth	151	...	5.0	3.1	19.0
203	122	BPB Ind	198	...	11.0	5.5	49.5
102	59	Baggeridge Brk	99	...	3.1	3.0	23.2
72	15	Bailey (Nen) Con	34	...	0.5	1.4	...
128	66	Barcrest	122	...	2.0	1.6	14.9
105	34	Barratt Devs	102	+3	2.0	2.5	11.7
154	102	Bellway	154	+7	11.5	4.2	10.7
30	14	Bellwinch	28	+1	...	...	...
345	186	Berkeley Gp	322	+1	5.0	2.1	21.3
103	45	Bett Bros	45	...	...	...	14.3
93	57	Blackfrys	93	...	...	...	41.7
1965½	912½	Blue Circle	2140	+9	11.3	7.7	21.0
1700	1375	Bovis (Henry)	1699d	-6½	...	...	...
285	205	Bovis Hmt	285	...	9.5	4.4	12.7
6300½	6884	Commercbk	6300d	+55	...	3.8	...
1281	1214	Deutsche Bk	1260	+30	...	3.5	...
87½	13	First Nat Fin	84	+4	...	...	...
1104	488	Fuji Bank ¥	881	-32	...	0.5	53.9
380	230	Gerrard Nat	373	-1	21.0	7.5	...
570	296	HSBC	544	-9½	...	3.6	22.3
572	313	HSBC HK	522	-12	...	2.3	21.5
252	202	Hambros	248	-2	11.4	6.9	11.8
365	308	Joseph (H)	355	...	...	5.8	6.1
110	54	King Shaxson	109	...	2.0	4.1	...
330	212	Kleinwort Ben	318	+1	16.5	6.7	22.8
549	346	Lloyds	512	+15	16.7	4.1	17.4
68	48	Lon Scot Mt	68	...	3.0	6.2	...
561	298	Nat Austr Bk	526	...	8.5	2.1	10.1
444	251	Nat West	443	+8	17.5	5.3	61.3
713	418	Provident	715	+2	25.0	4.7	14.4
45	28	Rea Bros	44	...	4.0	9.1	...
225	157	Rl Bk Scot	225	+3	12.0	6.8	12.1
1465	1043	Schroders	1465	+3	18.0	1.5	17.1
653	304	Stand Chartr	651	...	20.0	4.1	16.9
167	115	TSB	165	-1	6.4	5.3	...
200	38	Union Discount	200	...	18.0	4.3	16.6
605	403	Warburg SG	570	...	...	...	...
204	137	-do- 6% 'A'	204	...	...	11.1	...
6487½	3087½	Wells Fargo	6387½	-100	...	7.6	...
183	99	Westpac	178	-2	...	6.4	...
253	188	Whitbread	190	...	6.3	6.5	7.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

530	363	ADT	475	-8	...	...	...
1000	739	Abbey A Harvey	973	...	11.0	1.0	35.4
337	33	Air Londons	73	...	0.5	0.4	29.2
43	34	Alfred Lane	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	81	Asset Sec	136	-2	4.9	4.6	11.1
252	89	BET Ord	97	-1	...	...	16.2
103	41	BMB Sec	92	...	4.9	11.9	6.5
318	208	BPP	315	-3	6.9	2.9	17.8
285	178	Barbour Index	278 †	-5	7.2	2.5	20.4
309	15	Bemrose	16	-1	0.2	1.2	15.2
209	111	Bfr Data Mgt	208	...	4.0	1.9	24.8
14	9	Bondcastle	12	...	...	...	...
168	58	Brooks Service	98	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CMT Gp	138	...	3.1	2.2	11.8
545	430	Capital Group	532	+5	24.4	4.7	14.7
36	19	Chelsea Pic	35 †	...	0.5	1.9	13.3
270	224	Chiltern Capital	44	...	...	...	...
38	22	Clarkson	38	...	1.3	3.7	21.0
240	140	Cmbrdg Sec	230	+1	...	1.5	15.0
93	18	Connex	25	...	...	...	...
61	5	Corp Services	10	...	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	51	...	3.3	6.6	5.8
158	102	Data Sentor	201	+3	7.0	3.5	15.5
115	85	EW Pyle	85	...	...	5.8	6.3
57	8	Gardner	15	...	1.3	13.0	3.8
84	72	Gardner (DC)	78	...	...	...	...
230	168	Hays	224	...	...	...	23.3
253	170	Hogg Robinson	234	...	6.3	3.0	16.1
149½	45	Holmes Protecto	65	...	...	...	...
347	98	Hunt Whamp	142	-4	...	...	15.3
1168	6837½	ISS D DKr	1305	+100	...	1.0	14.8
596	375	Incheape	588	+3	12.0	2.0	17.7
739	587	Johnson Clean	735	+4	25.7	4.5	15.4
19½	2	Lep	2½	...	...	...	...
225	168	Mitie Gp	224	+15	2.7	1.6	18.3
980	650	Manpower	980	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Mitchell Page	43	...	1.8	5.6	7.0
232	88	Pentasa	232	+2	...	1.1	32.8
2½	2	Prime Response	2½	...	...	...	...
368	68	Provident Alex	96	...	19.5	20.1	2.0
451	355	RCO	412	+2	12.8	3.1	...
188	117	RHM	181	+1	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Read Executive	67	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	165	...	...	4.1	14.6
13	4	Remembrancer	6	...	...	...	...
239	174	Robert Walters	218	-5	1.4	1.1	31.3
240	180	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	9.3	3.4	16.1
358	254	Salvesen (C)	358	+4	7.0	2.5	19.8
43	25	Scott Pickford	30	...	...	2.7	8.0
194	98	Securicpanel	194	+8	8.5	5.8	10.6
12	7	Sidney Appa	8	...	...	...	...
768	535	Serco Gp	735	+10	11.0	2.1	24.2
283	132	Shared Comp	255	...	...	3.1	6.9
157	124½	Shanley	116	...	3.0	3.4	14.1
360	220	Warner Howard	340	-5	5.0	2.2	18.7
81	41	Welbar	45	...	1.0	2.2	9.0
16	7½	Wills Gp.	16	...	0.1	0.8	20.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

265	162	Allied Colloids	226	+1	3.9	2.2	18.9
688	413	Amersham	682	-3	12.5	2.4	25.4
31½	½	Anglo Utd	1½	...	0.8	...	...
9035	7365	BASF DM	8667	-125	...	...	...
260	201	BTP	231	...	8.8	5.1	18.9
6112	5050	Boger DM50	6109	-122	...	4.8	...
248	126	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.6	10.6
158	115	Brent Chemn	148	...	7.3	6.7	48.6
453	416	Br Vita Ord	416	+15	...	...	...
18	15	Cabot Gp	15	-1	...	12.8	6.3
178	112	Canning (W)	132	...	7.3	5.4	18.6
616	571	Corrtech	594	-4	13.0	2.2	14.8
264	142	Crode	262	...	7.5	2.1	18.5
211	126	Ellis & Everard	196	+2	7.8	3.1	16.1
16½	7	Enco Colour	16	...	0.6	3.4	...
131	43	Evode	127 †	-1	3.5	2.8	...
226	171	Halstead (J)	226	...	...	2.2	14.1
227	138	Hickson	220	+3	7.8	3.5	12.9
1185	9537½	Hoechst	11525½	-25	...	7.2	...
1410	975	ICI	1369	-4	58.0	6.6	20.7
660	434	Laporte	650	-7	18.9	4.6	16.9
228	158	Leigh	220	-2	7.8	4.7	17.9
2½	1½	MBM	2½	...	...	...	2.1
1180	1100	North Hydro	1152½	-25	...	4.3	...
400	280	Paterson Zoch	391	...	11.4	3.9	16.9
395	355	-do- 'A'	371	...	11.4	4.1	16.6
301	231	Ryan	277	...	6.0	2.9	18.7
783	130	Norvic	183	...	...	2.5	20.0
12	½	Shetcliffe Spnk	12	+1½	...	...	...
455	308	Wardle Storeys	451	+1	16.0	4.5	13.5
455	270	Watchhorne R	420	...	16.3	5.2	13.5
397	253	Yorks Chem	392	...	...	2.5	20.5
223	214	Yule Catto	206	...	5.4	2.7	16.2

DRAPERY, STORES

382	63	Alexon	66	...	...	6.1	3.6
109	73	Amber Day	97	-1	3.1	3.8	12.9
306	193	Argos Plc	283	...	8.4	3.0	19.8
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	80	...	2.0	2.5	17.4
260	180	Asprey	252	...	...	2.2	24.0
340	185	Austin Reed	200	...	6.0	...	58.2
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	151	+1	3.7	2.1	14.4
144	74	Bennetts	128	+1	3.8	2.8	12.1
248	86	Bestwood	247	...	...	0.3	34.0
114	22	Blacks Leis	27	...	3.3	...	5.6
371	135	Body Shop	150	+2	1.0	1.4	17.3
13½	3	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	...	...
330	260	Brown (N)	318	...	...	6.0	24.4
109	30	Burton	75 †	...	...	3.6	...
320	125	Cantors	134	...	...	2.7	39.7
358	245	Church	358	...	...	12.5	8.2
131	58	Clinton Cards	118	...	3.7	4.8	...
231	191	Coats Viyella	221	-2	7.8	4.4	24.1
168	77	Colmn'sMen'sw	124	...	...	...	17.2
304	200	Comns Parnish	304	...	5.0	1.7	19.7
252	108	Crown Eyes	140	...	...	3.7	6.5
111	65	Daks Simpn Ind	105	-1	6.0	5.7	12.3
37	27	Dawkins (D)	35	...	0.2	0.6	4.3
286	179	Dimens Grp	226 †	...	9.2	2.5	13.0
405	335	Dunhill	370	...	...	...	22.2
161	51	ERA Gp	80	...	...	...	8.2
180	480	Ego (Wimbledn)	480	...	16.0	4.6	18.2
39	30½	Elect Fetm	39	...	...	6.0	13.2
196	136	Estec	216	...	6.5	4.1	19.3
519	340	Etm Att Dev	500	...	11.0	2.9	19.3
80	28	Fiscal Bank Tst	49	...	...	...	32.8
500	400	Formimster	500	...	16.0	3.2	19.3
38	5	French Conn	37	...	...	...	...
68	38	Gabriele	45	...	...	...	...
58	38	Gear-Sit	45	...	2.0	5.0	13.2
21	16	Goldsmiths Gp	18	...	...	...	...
2405	1800	Gus	2413	...	40.0	2.4	13.6
1720	1370	-do- 'A'	1580	-5	40.0	3.4	13.6
70	20	Hampden Grps	45	+7	0.8	1.7	10.0
213	123	Harmonic	205	...	...	...	...
98	75	Hedgens Plc	93	...	2.0	2.1	10.0
78	28	Hemdale	43	...	...	...	...
178	98	Honeysuckle	98	...	...	2.1	7.2
130	80	Hse Of Fraser	128	...	10.3	8.0	22.7
180	110	Ind & Agric	180	...	4.0	2.2	16.6
358	254	Isaacs Wst	358	...	13.0	...	...
111	70	Jacques Vert	95	...	3.0	3.2	16.5
414	290	Kingfisher	390	...	13.0	3.3	16.5
59½	39½	Ladbr Wine Gp	59	...	2.5	4.2	10.9
405	295	Liberty	405	...	7.2	1.8	44.2
1040	805	Lloyds Chem	1040	...	22.0	2.1	15.2
265	195	MFI	265	-2	9.0	3.4	15.2
348	288	Marks Spencer	339	+2	...	3.1	18.4
474	319	Menzies (John)	469	+5	20.0	4.3	16.3
130	100	Moss Bros	130	...	4.0	3.1	16.4
2½	1½	Mothercare	2½	...	...	...	...
222	145	Next	198	...	3.7	1.9	16.0
15	10	Oliver (G)	13	+1	1.0	...	...
222	110	Oriflame Int	210	...	...	2.6	14.0
16	8	Owen	14	...	0.6	4.3	11.3
2½	½	Pagn Group	2½	...	...	...	...
1020	665	Pk Of Edgs	1000	...	47.0	4.7	21.5
29	7	Vernon Group	16	...	...	...	...
30	10	Shine Corp	20	+½	...	...	...
30	20	Sherwood Gp	30	...	1.9	6.4	...
21	10	Sosa	12	...	0.6	5.0	...
357	257	Smith Wil 'A'	357	...	13.4	4.0	14.7
13	3	Specialpress	13	...	...	...	...
57	37	Stanhome	57	...	...	6.6	13.3
153	97	T & S Stores	135	+1	...	...	...
29	16	Tie Rack	26	...	...	3.8	12.1
132	72	Time Products	128	...	7.5	5.9	13.4
47	32	Usher (Frankie	43	...	...	6.5	17.3
39	29	Vivat	39	...	...	...	6.6
38	28	Wensums	37	...	...	...	...
58	53	Wicks	58	...	...	...	...
38	28	Wld of Leather	38	...	...	...	...
155	109	Wyevale	151	...	...	3.3	16.8
7	3	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	3.3

ELECTRICALS

103	45	Alt Elect	66	...	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	170	-2	4.5	3.5	16.7
233	198	Acts	233	...	...	3.5	18.7
74	6	Acorn Comps	61	+1	...	...	...
410	299	Admiral	410	...	...	4.7	...
94	69	Alba	94	...	4.7	5.0	14.8
35	7	Alphameric	29½	...	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	35	...	0.4	2.1	...
143	93	App Micro	133	...	...	...	...
32	12	Atlas	17	...	...	...	...
39	20	Atten	39	...	...	...	...
218	158	Beales Hunter	215	...	9.2	4.3	14.4
20	½	Bennett & Fount	½	...	...	...	...
302	207	BICC	298	+3	8.0	2.6	19.8
498	314	Bibby	498	...	9.2	2.3	...
1420	1130	Bntlands	1300	+1	60	2.9	19.2
280	208	Brentnore	261	+1	...	3.6	...
448½	288	BT	387½	+5½	14.4	5.0	14.1
315	212	BT New	282½	+4	14.4	5.0	14.1
9½	5	Bdgin (AS) 'A'	6	...	0.1	2.2	...
220	80	Bunnfield	127	+5	...	6.0	12.3
731	490	Cable Wireless	711	+8	13.2	2.5	23.8
739	587	Johnson Clean	735	+4	25.7	4.5	15.4
19½	2	Lep	2½	...	...	...	...
225	168	Mitie Gp	224	+15	2.7	1.6	18.3
980	650	Manpower	980	...	...	...	...
44	32½	Mitchell Page	43	...	1.8	5.6	7.0
232	88	Pentasa	232	+2	...	1.1	32.8
2½	2	Prime Response	2½	...	...	...	...
368	68	Provident Alex	96	...	19.5	20.1	2.0
451	355	RCO	412	+2	12.8	3.1	...
188	117	RHM	181	+1	4.0	4.5	...
81	48	Read Executive	67	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec	165	...	...	4.1	14.6
13	4	Remembrancer	6	...	...	...	...
239	174	Robert Walters	218	-5	1.4	1.1	31.3
240	180	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	9.3	3.4	16.1
358	254	Salvesen (C)	358	+4	7.0	2.5	19.8
43	25	Scott Pickford	30	...	...	2.7	8.0
194	98	Securicpanel	194	+8	8.5	5.8	10.6
12	7	Sidney Appa	8	...	...	...	...
768	535	Serco Gp	735	+10	11.0	2.1	24.2
283	132	Shared Comp	255	...	...	3.1	6.9
157	124½	Shanley	116	...	3.0	3.4	14.1
360	220	Warner Howard	340	-5	5.0	2.2	18.7
81	41	Welbar	45	...	1.0	2.2	9.0
16	7½	Wills Gp.	16	...	0.1	0.8	20.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

265	162	Allied Colloids	226	+1	3.9	2.2	18.9
688	413	Amersham	682	-3	12.5	2.4	25.4
31½	½	Anglo Utd	1½	...	0.8	...	...
9035	7365	BASF DM	8667	-125	...	...	...
260	201	BTP	231	...	8.8	5.1	18.9
6112	5050	Boger DM50	6109	-122	...	4.8	...
248	126	Blagden	148	...	9.5	8.6	10.6
158	115	Brent Chemn	148	...	7.3	6.7	48.6
453	416	Br Vita Ord	416	+15	...	...	...
18	15	Cabot Gp	15	-1	...	12.8	6.3
178	112	Canning (W)	132	...	7.3	5.4	18.6
616	571	Corrtech	594	-4	13.0	2.2	14.8

NatWest hits back in war over treatment of small companies

By Rodney Hobson

BANKS put as much money into small businesses as the owners do, but for far less reward, National Westminster Bank claims after a study of the financial records of 110 small businesses based in Yorkshire.

While the managers received a 45 per cent annual return on their money, the banks settled for interest payments, National Westminster says in the latest salvo in the war over bank treatment of small businesses.

The survey, carried out by Professor Kevin Keasey, of the University of Leeds, and Robert Watson, of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, covered the five years from 1986 to 1990.

The survey showed that banks increased their finance to small businesses at a greater rate than the owners' own investment. Companies that borrowed performed better than those without bank finance.

The owners were found to prefer bank financing rather than allowing the lenders to take a slice of the equity.

On average, bank loans to the small firms in the survey increased by almost 100 per cent, from £42,100 in 1986 to £82,100 in 1990, while long-term bank loans increased 280 per cent.

Jane Bradford, head of National Westminster's small business services, says: "When investing their own funds, small businesses assess the risk for a potential unlimited return, whereas the return on a bank loan is limited to the interest rate charged." She gives a warning, however, that both stand to lose equally if a small business should fail.

However, the survey showed that banks limited their losses by securing loans against the personal assets of the owners. That was found to discourage owners from taking unnecessary risks, since they stood to bear the full costs personally if anything went wrong. About two-thirds of long-term debt was secured.

Professor Keasey and Mr Watson believe that much of the ill will between small business owners and banks stems from a gradual switch from long to short-term loans towards the end of the eighties, making firms more vulnerable to the economic downturn.

The authors also suggest that the conflict has arisen from changed expectations that have arisen from the economic downturn regarding prospects and liquidation values.

The survey showed that about 70 per cent of annual operating net income was withdrawn as payments to directors.

The pattern indicated that directors were attempting to minimise tax.

The authors also say: "The evidence concerning directors' remuneration seems to suggest that the internal financing of the small firms is as much driven by personal wealth issues of the owners as by the performance of the firms."

Booking in to the hotel guides

By John Shaw

THREE young people started their own country house hotel on the wind-swept Norfolk coast amid much local scepticism.

Galton and Tracy Blackiston and Justin Fraser, all under 30, worked together at John Tovey's famous Miller Howe Hotel, overlooking Windermere in the Lake District, before buying the Morston Hall Hotel, near Blakeney, for £360,000. It opened last March.

Doubts about the enterprise were understandable. The previous owner had gone into receivership. The house itself was two miles from the Blakeney Hotel and there were also good restaurants in the area.

Less than a year later, the hotel is in the gourmet section of the *Good Hotel Guide*, the *Good Food Guide*, the *Which? Hotel Guide* and the *Egon Ronay Guide*. In addition, they have been named Hotel Newcomers of the Year by the Automobile Association.

The trio's secret ingredients are quality and value for money. "This isn't the eighties," Mrs Blackiston said. "People still want quality but nowadays they want to know what they are going to pay. When they walk through that door they know a good four-course dinner with coffee and truffles is going to cost £19.50 a head. The only thing on top of that is wine."

It is a set menu, changed daily, served at a set time, 7.30 pm for 8 pm. The same applies for lunch, £12, served at 12.30 pm for 1 pm, and afternoon cream tea at £4 between 3.30 pm and 5 pm. The food is fresh to the table and the timetable cuts down waste. It is a formula that has paid dividends.

All three have catering backgrounds and paid tribute to the thorough grounding at the Miller Howe. Mr Blackiston was head chef, while Mrs Blackiston and Mr Fraser dealt with administration, management and wine.

The year before they bought the hall the trio did a few parties and wedding receptions in the area, assessing potential. They discovered untapped demand among two types of people: weekend homeowners who wanted to eat out and those looking for a good meal and overnight accommodation.

Morston Hall offered a handful of rooms in a traditional red-brick and flint village on the edge of a quay protected by the National Trust. An overnight stay in the 17th century house in its own grounds is £60 including dinner and full English breakfast.

"In the three months before we opened, we refurbished the place ourselves," Mrs Blackiston said. "We painted, we stripped wallpaper and local tradesmen did the plumbing and electrics. But anything we could do ourselves we did. Our own three-piece-suite, a wedding present, became part of the lounge furniture." The three partners had family support. Various brothers obtained tables for the restaurant, did legal work at family rates, took photographs for the brochure and moved internal partitions for greater space. The partners put an equal amount in the kitty which amounted to £45,000.

They live on the premises and offer guests the close personal attention only committed owners can give. Everybody shares the chores. It is a gruelling routine but all the time they build up a personal rapport with customers.

BRYN COLTON



Window of opportunity: Tracy and Galton Blackiston with Justin Fraser (right) at the Morston Hall Hotel in Norfolk



"There must be more to life than just sitting here waiting for recovery?"

Designs on knitwear make an own label out of a hobby

By Christopher Browne

JOSEPHINE Gibson used to look at the knitwear samples on display in London stores and think that with a degree in textile design from the Central School of Art in London she could do as well. So when she was made redundant from her job as an assistant manager of a sofa beds showroom she approached her local enterprise agency in Richmond, Surrey.

She went on a ten-week re-employment course to learn basic business skills. "Starting up on my own seemed so much more rewarding and exciting than working for someone else and running the risk of being made redundant again," she said.

By the end of the course, she had drawn up a business plan including a cash flow forecast. Armed with that she went to her building society and raised a small business loan for £8,500. She then found premises in a purpose-built block for start-up companies in Richmond and installed her equipment, including a knitting machine with a computerised design facility. With the aim of provoking interest from prospective clients she then made up about 50 samples of knitwear that she placed round the walls, with a selection of original designs.

To help pay the overheads she taught textile design two night a week. Some pupils at the school became her first customers. Advertising also attracted business.

The Gibson knits are often in three or four colours, with designs based on flowers, architecture or items of art. Miss Gibson said: "Sometimes people know exactly what they want, which makes the work easy. On other occasions, I have to guide them and suggest ideas. This makes the work a challenge."

All her designs carry her own label, Josephine Gibson, but she does not see herself as a designer knitter. "I'm simply a hardworking businesswoman," she says.

She is able to charge up to £70 for an Aran-style sweater, while more elaborate designs bring in between £100 and £200, or up to £500 for a mohair coat. Promotional moves include showing samples at arts and crafts shows round the country and trade fairs abroad. During 1990, her first year, she broke even. The second year brought a small profit. Despite the recession, she continues to be in the black. She now has enough surplus to invest in new equipment.

Fewer orders from individuals have seen her turn to making one-off designs for large company collections, selling for a fee. She has just landed a commission to design a range of men's knitwear for a big British store.

ESSEX Training and Enterprise Council (TEC) is running a skills training initiative, providing intensive 13-week courses in computer-aided design, electronic engineering, finance, welding, business technology, electric engineering and fork lift truck driving. These skills were identified by employers when a TEC team researched the needs of small and medium-sized firms. Free training at local colleges is aimed at unemployed people wanting to gain qualifications, such as the National Vocational Qualification at levels two, three, and possibly four. Nearly half the cost is being met by the European social fund.

Another initiative by the Essex TEC — a mobile open learning unit to teach business skills to small rural firms — will begin operating in the spring. The TEC is converting a single-deck bus to include computers and interview spaces. A business adviser will accompany the bus, which will park on industrial estates in more remote areas of Essex, visiting the same place on a given day each week. Training is likely to be in office hours, but a need for evening or pre-work classes would be met. Contact: Peter Hallows on 0245 450123.

☐ An agency called Trident has been set up with funding from Suffolk Enterprise to market engineering services. Behind it is Tony Williams, who believes that with so many engineering companies closing, there is a shortage of manufacturing capacity that will become more obvious as the economy improves. Trident has on its books skilled craftsmen able to deal with production batches or single orders, serving a variety of industries including agriculture, aerospace, construction, marine and forestry. Trident may be reached at 6-7 College Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1NH.

☐ *Larger companies are making* more effort than small ones to cut the bills outstanding against them, according to figures compiled by International Factors, the UK's largest factoring company. It says companies owing more than £200,000 cut their debts by 40 per cent in the second half of 1992, while those owing less trimmed the outstanding amount by 17 per cent. David Richardson, of International Factors, says: "The figures suggest that larger companies have responded to initiatives from the government and the CBI."

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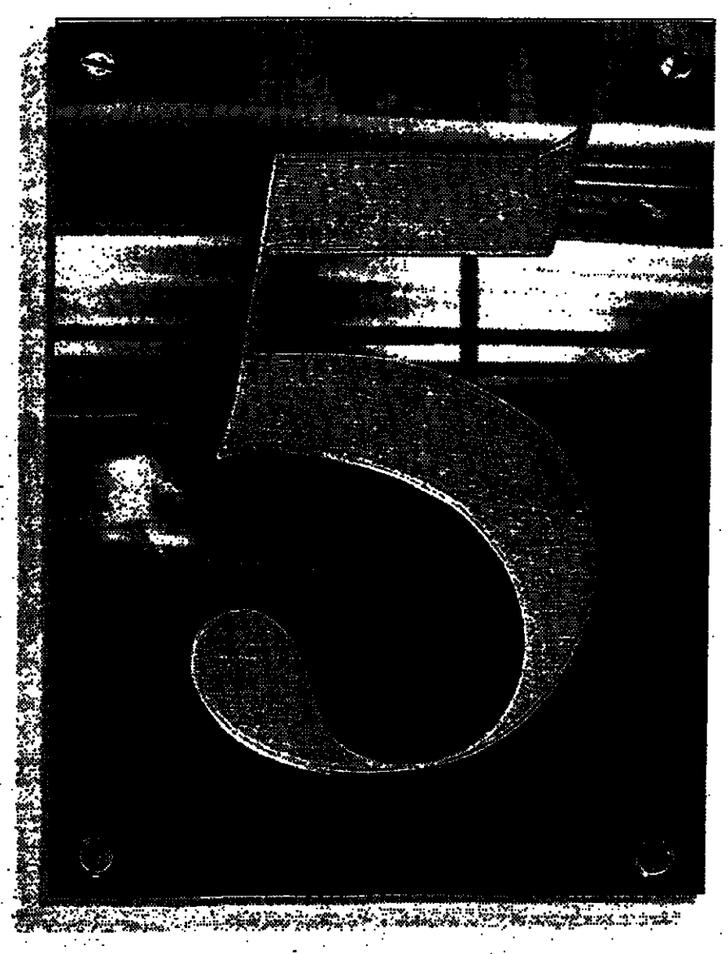
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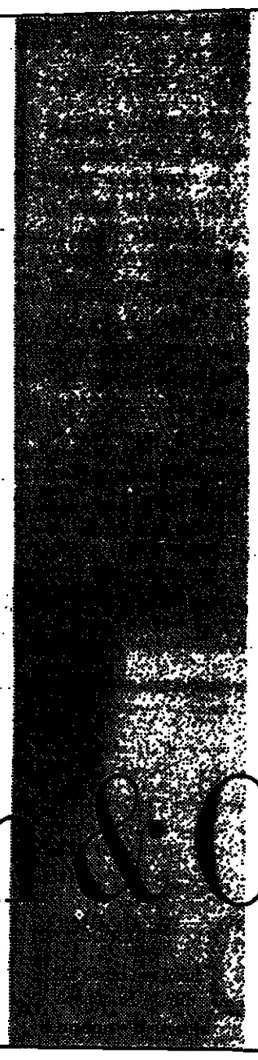
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Jeremy Roberts, QC, explains the Bar's proposals for simplifying fraud trials



The burden of justice

Several well-publicised trials in the past year or so have drawn attention to some of the strains imposed on our criminal justice system by large and complex fraud cases.

Some of these trials have taken far too long. They have also cost too much, and most of that cost has fallen on the public. They have imposed tremendous burdens on all concerned — defendants, judges, jurors and lawyers. And in at least two cases the outcomes have been unsatisfactory in the extreme.

The "Guinness 2" trial had to be aborted when the strain on one defendant, who was conducting his own defence, became so great that the judge ruled that he was no longer in a fit state to defend himself and that if the trial were to proceed against his co-defendant alone, irreparable prejudice would have resulted from what had already occurred. A retrial of either defendant was ruled out.

Equally unsatisfactory, in a different way, was the outcome of the "Blue Arrow" case. The trial lasted just over a year. Two of the seven individual defendants had to endure more than six months in the dock before being acquitted, on the judge's direction, at the close of the prosecution case. The judge ruled that there was no evidence to support the allegations against them. Of the remaining five defendants, one was acquitted and four were convicted by the jury.

However, the Court of Appeal unhesitatingly held that all four convictions were unsafe and unsatisfactory, and quashed them. The basis of the decision was that the trial had become so unmanageable that there was a substantial and incurable risk of a miscarriage of justice resulting from the sheer volume and complexity of the issues.

Nobody on either side had wasted any time at all in the presentation of the evidence and arguments. The problem was that the prosecution case simply gave rise to too many separate issues, each of which had to be properly addressed.

Against this background the Bar set up a working party to look at current procedures for complex fraud trials. Among the changes we would like to see are: a general offence of fraud (as in Scotland); special time off for the judge on a fraud case to master the key issues; provision for the Serious Fraud Office to accept, in some cases, a fine as an alternative to bringing criminal charges, and a formalised system of plea-bargaining.

> 'A defendant's legal right not to co-operate has already been modified in some situations'

Generally speaking, the main problem with fraud trials is the difficulty of accommodating three fundamental principles of our criminal law. The first is that all those accused of serious criminal conduct should be tried under the same system — ie our traditional system of trial by jury. The second is that an accused person should not be compelled to do or say anything which may assist the state to prove a case against him, the defendant's "right of non co-operation".

The third is that all trials must be manageable: that is they must not be so long and complex that they impose an unreasonable burden on the tribunal of fact, or create a risk of a miscarriage of justice arising from the sheer volume and complexity of the issues.

Few people (perhaps only those minded to commit large-scale frauds) would dispute that manageability must be paramount. It would be catastrophic if our system were to be unable to cope with substantial fraud cases. We must not allow people to believe that if they commit a fraud large enough and complicated enough, the system will be unable to ensure conviction and punishment.

Equally, a majority of lawyers and politicians remains, rightly, opposed to the ending of trial by jury in these cases. Trial by jury is an important constitutional safeguard, which ensures that the machinery of justice is not left wholly in the hands of the executive and the judiciary.

Furthermore, although some questionable decisions are probably inevitable in any system of justice administered by human beings, the record of juries in fraud trials has in the main been impressive.

The principle which has to give way therefore to achieve manageability in complex fraud cases is the accused person's "right of non co-operation". Parliament has already eroded this right in significant respects: a person suspected or accused of serious fraud may (a) be compelled to answer questions in certain circumstances (such as in the event of a DTI investigation or an examination under the Insolvency Act); (b) have his answers used against him in subsequent criminal proceedings, even though they were given under compulsion; (c) be ordered by the judge, at a preparatory hearing in the criminal proceedings, to file a written case statement outlining his defence; (d) be ordered to respond point-by-point to a detailed notice to admit facts served on him by the prosecution; and, where he does not admit any of the facts specified in such a notice, to state his reasons for not doing so; and (e) be ordered, if the judge is not satisfied with the reasons stated, to give further reasons.

The combination of the above provisions places a fraud defendant at a significant disadvantage when compared with, for example, those accused of rape, drug trafficking or terrorist offences. But if this imbalance is the price that has to be paid to ensure that fraud cases can be properly dealt with, it must be accepted.

Yet care must be taken to see that this imbalance is not tilted any further, and that the rights of this category of accused persons are not eroded more than is really necessary. It is salutary to remember that erosions of civil liberties often start in a small way which affects only a section of the public for whom there is unlikely to be widespread sympathy.

● *The author chaired the working party on long fraud trials, the report of which is published today by the Bar Council.*

Rights and wrongs in the higher courts

A state of deadlock exists over whether employed barristers — those in local government, commerce and industry as well as the government legal service — should have advocacy rights in the higher courts like their private practice colleagues.

The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 was passed in the teeth of fierce opposition from the Bar and defiance from several law lords. One of the intentions of the new act was, we were told, to open up the higher courts — hitherto the sole prerogative of the Bar — to a wider range of advocates.

Both the green and white papers preceding the act emphasised the government's intention to provide the public with "the widest range of choice" and said that "the promotion of competition is one of the government's fundamental policies".

Nearly three years later, does it seem this will be achieved? Sadly in the area of rights of audience, the answer must be "no". Bar rules prevent any employed barrister appearing in the higher courts. The practising Bar's monopoly has always been emotive because of the implications that no one else can be trusted to have the independence and detachment of a private practice barrister.

The Director of Public Prosecutions and the head of the government legal service have lodged a challenge to the rule. Under the 1990 act it falls to the Lord Chancellor and the four senior judges to approve the rule, or not.



DEREK WHEATLEY, QC

At present the ball is in the judges' court. They wrote to the Bar asking it to amend its rule. The Bar declined, suggesting that the DPP and the head of the government legal service withdraw their own applications for extended rights of audience and re-submit them after the Royal Commission has reported in June. The Bar's stance arises from its fundamental opposition to crown prosecutors being granted advocacy rights in the crown court. But it is clearly prepared to see all other employed barristers losing out as a result.

The 6,000 employed barristers, who have the same training as any other barristers, have always fared badly. The Bar code of conduct allows those with five years' experience who have completed a full pupillage to appear just for their employers, and only in the courts in which barristers in independent practice did not formally have an exclusive right of audience, ie, magistrates' and county courts.

The director general of fair trading has advised the Lord Chancellor against retention of the rule on the ground that it is restrictive of competition. The Lord Chancellor's advisory committee has, however, advised that the rule be retained, principally because "... [employed barristers] could not demonstratively achieve the objectivity and impartiality needed by advocates in the higher courts".

The Lord Chancellor and senior judges are all barristers. The committee itself includes five barristers and two solicitors out of 17 members but no barrister or solicitor who is employed in commerce or industry. No one could suggest of course that committee members would be affected by self-interest in a rule protective of the interests of their own branch of the profession. It would be unthinkable to suggest that the rule of natural justice that a man may not be judged in his own cause, could apply here. But it is all the harder that they should deny to the employed barrister recognition of the integrity that all professional men should have.

Judges are used to dealing with litigants in person who are clearly not impartial. They would find it easy to deal with a barrister employed, say, by Shell, who conducts a case for the company. The advisory committee says, however, that although he would be equally subject to the Bar's code of conduct and have an over-riding duty to the court to ensure in the public interest that "the proper and efficient administration of justice is achieved ...", he could not be trusted to do so.

This advice is deeply offensive to every employed barrister. The supposed lack of objectivity and impartiality is accepted not to hinder the employed barrister who appears before magistrates or in the county court. The implication is that High Court judges and above are less able than their humbler colleagues to detect the supposed deficiencies. Such breathtaking illogicality will have enormous appeal for devotees of Lewis Carroll and admirers of the March Hare.

The advisory committee has wrongly placed the onus of showing objectivity on employed barristers. It should be for those who seek to maintain the restrictive rule to justify it by examples of bad behaviour; but it has never been suggested that there are any. It should be for employers to decide which class of lawyer to employ as an advocate. It should be for them to decide whether the regular advocacy of those at the Bar should be the decisive factor. It often will be. There should be an end to the present archaic restriction so that freedom of choice can prevail, as the Lord Chancellor promised it would.

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Regions clean up

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The results of The Times Law Awards 1992 sponsored by Freshfields

Living in legal harmony

AN OXFORD graduate planning to go to the Bar, Andrew Butler, was awarded first prize of £3,000 last week as the winner of the 1992 Times Law Awards held in association with Freshfields, *Frances Gibb writes.*

His entry, published below, on "The Single Market: Is it Possible without a Single Legal System?", was picked by all four judges, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, John Grieves, senior partner of Freshfields, and Michael Lester, a director of GEC, from more than 120 entries. Mr Butler is studying for Bar finals at the Council for Legal Education, and plans to backpack around South America before taking up pupillage in the autumn.

Second prize, of £2,000, went to Marie Kelly, a Bar pupil, and third prize (£1,000) to Robert Marven, a Cambridge law student. The runners up (£250 each) were: Marie-Louise Kinsler, also a Bar pupil; Ilfra Goldberg, a law student at City University; and Alexander Goulden, who is studying for Law Society finals at the College of Law.

"Last year was a momentous, and often a difficult, year for the EC," Lord Mackay told some 70 guests at the awards dinner hosted at Freshfields last week. "One of the key achievements was the successful implementation of the single market." He admitted "more than a passing interest" in the subject of the competition: his view is that it is highly undesirable to impose rigid uniform legal rules in all member states. Five of the six winners agreed.

Several essays traced the development of the single market back 30 years to the European Court's ruling against the Dutch government's attempt to raise import duties on goods from member states. Many writers also looked at the role of the European Court, and some at the diversity of the British legal system. One entrant highlighted the UK as "the perfect example of a single market without a single legal system", Lord Mackay said.



Peter Stothard of *The Times* (left) and Lord Mackay (right), with the winner, Andrew Butler

Andrew Butler, in his prizewinning essay, argues that different legal systems can co-exist within the EC

It was not at Maastricht that the modern Europe first took shape, contrary perhaps to popular belief. That honour arguably belongs to Zaandau, another Dutch port, where in 1960 a shipment of ureaformaldehyde was the unlikely catalyst of litigation which has had an irreversible effect on the EC. In that case (*van Gend en Loos*), the European Court of Justice deemed the attempt of the Dutch government to increase import duties on goods from other member states in breach of the Treaty of Rome. In doing so, the judges declared a "new legal order" to which the Community was now subject, a central body of rules taking precedence over any form of inconsistent national legislation. This order, once accepted, would entail an inevitable erosion of the legislative autonomy of the member states: on the other hand, it would at least guarantee in one sense that we were all covered by a "European umbrella" — and thus that we would be playing by the same rules.

Acceptance was a long time coming in a number of member states however. In Britain itself, for example, it was only in 1989 that the House of Lords acknowledged fully, for the first time, the invalidity of a statute passed in conflict with Community legislation.

The intention of the European Court of Justice in making this and similar pronouncements is clear enough. It is to impose on the EC a uniform legal system without which (one could be forgiven for thinking) no such organisation could operate. How, after all, could traders in a single market successfully compete under different conditions? Yet this attractive theory is not so simple in practice.

Ironically, this order of priorities has if anything served to confuse the status of Community legislation, since it removes the EC from any legally-recognisable category of administrative body. By seeking to impose itself uncompromisingly on the legal systems of its member states, Brussels departs from any known facet of international law, which does not exercise such force. Nor is it, as has been thought, a "functional" body, with clearly defined areas of legislative power — for there are few, if any, aspects of domestic policy on which the Community has not encroached. The only alternative is perhaps to view Europe as a federal state, but in reality it is not one, and the political will by which it could become one is clearly lacking at present.

> What is perhaps needed is the establishment of a clear order of priority

It may appear short-sighted for lawyers to try to clarify the present arrangements according to precedents. But it is a task which must be accomplished if the obligations and duties arising from those arrangements are to be clearly understood. At present, the only observation that can be made with any certainty is that we are not operating under a single legal system. Where relevant Community rules exist, the market is undoubtedly operating in accordance with them, but there remain areas to which Brussels has not yet addressed its bureaucratic might. Until it does so, our conduct is regulated in those areas by more established systems of domestic or international law, with the result that, where one legal system might be expected, many are operating.

Undesirable and illogical as it may seem, then, the single market is currently under the aegis not only of Community law but, where that is deficient, of international law and of the various domestic systems as well.

Should this worry us? Perhaps not. The combining of legal systems is nothing new; for example, this country has employed both common law and equity for many centuries, with statutory legislation now overriding both. Where different systems operate, perhaps all that is needed is the establishment of a clear order of priority between them, so that any conflict can be unambiguously resolved. Such an order has undeniably been created in Europe, just as the Community itself yielded to international law in the International Fruit Company case of 1972.

This very analogy, however, serves as a powerful warning in the light of recent events. The current GATT crisis centres on a supposed uncertainty about the relative status of Community-agreed and international obligations. Even the clearest order of priority of legal systems can give way to potentially disastrous confusion when sensitive political considerations are involved.

The Community can benefit from from this by accepting that simply expounding a "new legal order" may not be enough to prevent similar difficulties arising here. Greatly preferable would be a more coherent framework, with or without some concession to subsidiarity, designed to separate the overlapping systems of law that govern our lives.

When small is just too big

A ruling on mergers throws up more questions than it answers

Few would have expected the purchase by South Yorkshire Transport, a Sheffield-based unquoted company, of four small local bus company competitors to have led to a recent House of Lords ruling which may now effect almost all mergers involving assets of less than £30 million.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission's powers to investigate UK mergers are governed by section 64 of the Fair Trading Act 1973. This contains three criteria, one of which must be satisfied if the commission is legally to pursue an enquiry: that the merger involves the acquisition of £30 million or more in gross assets; or the merged businesses have a share of any market in excess of 25 per cent throughout the entire UK; or merged businesses have a share of any market in excess of 25 per cent in "a substantial part of the UK".

> More people involved in mergers are likely to seek clearance

In the past, lawyers and businessmen have assumed that where a merger involved the acquisition of less than £30 million gross assets the market share test to be considered was often not difficult. Such deals rarely involved market shares of more than 25 per cent throughout the entire UK. It was always assumed that the lesser regional test related to a large part of the UK and, as such, the 25 per cent market share requirement was also rarely satisfied.

On December 16, 1992, the House of Lords, in an appeal by the secretary of state against decisions of both lower courts in favour of South Yorkshire Transport, held that "a substantial part of the UK" in section 64 means, "of such size, character and importance as to make it worth consideration for the purposes of the act".

The result is that the commission's recommendation in the South Yorkshire Transport case, that the merged businesses should be sold off, stands even though the area involved is only 1.6 per cent of the UK land mass and containing only 3.2 per cent of the UK population.

It is now very hard to determine the lower limit of the size of any area which will satisfy the "substantial part" test of section 64.

It seems that average-sized cities and even towns with a little of the relevant counties around them will be sufficient. But how much smaller can the commission legally go?

By leaving this to the wide discretionary judgment of the commission, it is expected to be very hard to base any challenge of legality on the size of the region involved.

Clearly, mergers which concentrate regional markets will have to be examined in detail. The effects of mergers of UK-wide businesses will also have to be analysed to ensure that no regional market share pulls them within section 64 and the risk of referral.

It seems likely that the risk will be a much more live issue for those involved with mergers. As a result, we may see many more applications for "clearance" from the OFT using both merger notices and the confidential guidance system.

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Decisions of visitors to Inns of Court are susceptible of judicial review

Regina v Visitors to Lincoln's Inn, Ex parte Persaud
Regina v Same, Ex parte Calder
Calder v General Council of the Bar

Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment January 21]

Visitors to the Inns of Court hearing appeals from a disciplinary tribunal of *the Council of the Inns of Court* constituted a domestic forum of the profession and, although necessarily judges of the High Court, did not sit as a court of law. Their decisions, like those of university visitors, were amenable to judicial review if, but only if, they had acted outside their jurisdiction or in breach of the rules of natural justice or had abused their powers.

Where, therefore, it appeared that the visitors had misapprehended their role and had acted as a reviewing, rather than an appellate, tribunal their decision would be quashed.

The Court of Appeal so held *in a* reserved judgment allowing appeals by *Norman Persaud and Renee Joyce* Calder from the order of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court *(The Times* March 20, 1992; [1992] 3 WLR 994) holding that it had no jurisdiction to entertain applications for judicial review of the visitors' decisions but that an appeal from the *visitors lay to the Court* of Appeal.

The court remitted proceedings with respect to Mr Persaud to the Divisional Court and quashed the visitors' decision in relation to Miss Calder. Miss Calder's appeal against the visitors' decision was formally dismissed.

Mr Persaud in person; Mr Michael Beloff, *QC and Miss Joanne Wicks for* Miss Calder; Mr Andrew Collins, QC, *Mr Anthony* Bradley and Mr Timothy Horgan for the Bar Council; Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr Ian Burnett as *amici curiae.*

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that barristers were members of one of *the four Inns of Court; they were called* to the Bar by their Inn. For centuries the Inns had exercised control over the professional conduct of their members. They could be disbarred, or suspended from practising as barristers, or subjected to less severe disciplinary penalties.

For at least two centuries a barrister who had felt aggrieved by a disciplinary decision had been able to appeal to "the judges". The question raised by the two instant cases was whether a decision of "the judges" on such an appeal could itself be challenged in the courts: did the courts have any jurisdiction to review, or to hear an appeal from, a decision of "the judges"?

Both cases raised the same issue regarding jurisdiction. *The first* concerned Miss Renee Joyce Calder. She *had been called to the Bar by Lincoln's* Inn in November 1978. On October 8, 1990 she had been found guilty of professional misconduct by a disciplinary tribunal of the Council of the Inns of Court, which had directed that she should be disbarred.

Her appeal against the findings of the tribunal had been dismissed by three High Court judges (Mr Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Judge and Mr Justice *Rose] sitting as visitors to Lincoln's Inn* on March 6, 1991. They had changed the sentence to one of five years' suspension.

On June 7, 1991 Mr Justice Auld had given Miss Calder leave to apply for judicial review and had directed that the suspension be stayed pending the determination of the judicial review proceedings.

Mr Norman Persaud had been called *to the Bar, also by Lincoln's Inn,* in November 1980. On July 12, 1990 he had been found guilty of a charge of professional misconduct by a disciplinary tribunal of the Council of the Inns of Court, which had directed that *he should be disbarred. On July 31,* 1991 his appeal had been dismissed by *three High Court judges* (Mr Justice Vinelott, Mr Justice Ewbank and Mr Justice Jowitt) sitting as visitors to Lincoln's Inn.

On December 17, 1991 Mr Justice Rose had granted him leave to apply for judicial review and had directed that a preliminary issue be determined whether the High Court had any jurisdiction to hear an application for judicial review of a decision of visitors to the Inns of Court.

The two applications for judicial review had come on together before Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Brooke *who had heard argument on the* jurisdiction point and had decided on *March 12, 1992 that the court had no* jurisdiction to entertain an application for judicial review from decisions of the visitors to the Inns of Court.

In the course of an exceedingly erudite judgment the Divisional Court had decided that the jurisdiction of the judges as visitors, so far as it related to the fitness of persons to become or remain barristers, was a jurisdiction which had been transferred to the High Court by section 16 of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1873.

That jurisdiction had remained in the High Court ever since. Thus judicial review did not lie, since the decision of the visitors was a decision of the High Court. Instead the remedy available was by way of an appeal to the Court of Appeal.

The ancient visitorial jurisdiction

The primary question on the appeals concerned the proper interpretation of two sections in the 1873 Act. Before *turning to the Act his Lordship had to set* the scene.

The jurisdiction of the judges in respect of the Inns of Court was very ancient and well established. His Lordship was left in no doubt that by the end of the eighteenth century, if not earlier, the function and role of the judges when *exercising* that jurisdiction had become settled and clear. Thus it was not necessary to travel further back in time; it was not necessary to delve into the historical origins.

In *R v Benchers of Gray's Inn, Ex parte Hart* ((1780) 1 Dougl 353) William Hart had applied for a *mandamus* to be directed to the benchers of Gray's Inn compelling them to call him to the degree of barrister-at-law. He had urged that it would be highly inconvenient to permit such a body as the *benchers of an Inn of Court to exercise a* jurisdiction in such matters uncontrollable by a court of law.

The court had rejected that application. Lord Mansfield had said [at p354]: "[A]ll the power [the Inns of Court] have concerning the admission to the Bar, is delegated to them from the judges, and, in every instance, their conduct is subject to their control as visitors. This will appear from a great variety of instances of orders made at different periods, for the regulation of those societies . . . From the first traces of their existence to this day, no example can be found of an interposition by the Courts of Westminster Hall proceeding according to *the general law of the land; but the* Judges have acted as in a domestic forum."

Lord Mansfield had added that, if there was ground for it, Hart had to take "the ancient course of applying to the twelve judges". The "twelve judges", it seemed, was a reference to the judges of the Courts of King's Bench and Common Pleas and the barons of the Court of Exchequer, including the Chief Justices of those courts, even though the number had not always been twelve.

The 1873 Act

Section 12 had made provision for what were described in the side-note to the section as extraordinary duties of judges of the former courts which the Act had consolidated into one Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

Those duties were to devolve on the judges of the new High Court of Justice. Section 16 had stated what was to be the jurisdiction of the new High Court of Justice.

The material part read: "The jurisdiction by this Act transferred to the High Court of Justice shall include . . . the *jurisdiction which, at the commencement* of this Act, was vested in, or *capable of being exercised by,* all or any one or more of the judges of the said courts, respectively, sitting in court or chambers, or elsewhere, when acting as judges or a judge, in pursuance of any statute, law, or custom, and all powers given to any such court, or to any such judges or judge, by any statute; . . ."

Section 16

It was clear that the jurisdiction exercised by the judges over the Inns of Court had not been transferred to the High Court by section 16.

Read in context, the phrase "when acting as judges or a judge" had to mean, when acting as judges or a judge of the courts whose jurisdiction had been transferred to the High Court by the Act. But, so read, the section did not apply to the jurisdiction vested in and exercised by the judges over the Inns of Court. When *exercising that jurisdiction the* judges were not acting as judges.

Section 12

Section 12 had vested in the judges of *the new High Court* the powers and duties of the judges of the courts whose jurisdiction was being transferred to the High Court so far as "not incident to the administration of justice in any court whose jurisdiction is transferred by this Act to the High Court of Justice".

His Lordship was satisfied that the jurisdiction of the judges over the Inns of *Court fulfilled the section 12 qualifying* condition.

That jurisdiction extended to appeals from all decisions of the benchers relating to the conduct of an Inn's affairs and could aptly and properly be described as "not incident to the *administration of justice in any court".*

Judicial review: Page's case

Thus far *his Lordship had concluded* that the jurisdiction of "the twelve judges" as *visitors to an Inn of Court* had become vested in all the judges of the *new High Court* under the 1873 Act.

He turned next to consider whether a barrister had any remedy available to him in respect of decisions of the judges sitting in exercise of that visitorial jurisdiction. Judicial review was notoriously an expanding jurisdiction, and there was a sufficient public element in those decisions on disciplinary matters for them to be subject to the supervisory jurisdiction of the courts.

In *R v Lord President of the Privy Council, Ex parte Page* (*The Times* December 15, 1992; [1992] 3 *WLR* 1112) the House of Lords had held by a majority that the court had no jurisdiction to entertain the application for *judicial review of the decision* of a university visitor on a petition by a *dismissed lecturer. In his* Lordship's view the decision in *Page* was applicable to the instant case despite the differences between charitable corporations and the Inns of Court.

Judicial review: the limits of Page

Although judicial review did not lie to impeach a decision of a visitor taken within his jurisdiction, that did not mean that visitors' decisions were in all circumstances immune from judicial review.

For instance, if a visitor purported to hear a dispute which did not fall within his jurisdiction he might be restrained from proceeding. *If a visitor declined* to exercise his jurisdiction, the court would make an order of *mandamus* requiring him to proceed.

In his Lordship's view that limited judicial review jurisdiction was applicable to the judges as visitors to the Inns of Court.

Conclusion: Miss Calder's case

Three of Miss Calder's four grounds of appeal related to issues within the visitors' jurisdiction, thus the court had no jurisdiction to review the correctness of the visitors' decisions on those points.

There remained her fourth ground of appeal: that the visitors had misunderstood their role.

She contended that the visitors were sitting as an appellate tribunal, not, as they seemed to have thought, as a reviewing tribunal, and hence they had failed fully and properly to carry out their duties as visitors.

His Lordship was in no doubt that if visitors conducted not an appeal but a review of the disciplinary tribunal's findings and decision comparable to that undertaken by the court by way of *judicial review of decisions of inferior* courts or tribunals, then the visitors' *decision was amenable to judicial re*view.

His Lordship thought that there were some indications that the visitors had misapprehended their function in the case. Accordingly, he would allow Miss Calder's appeal and quash the decision of the visitors.

Conclusion: Mr Persaud's case

In Mr Persaud's case the facts had not been investigated before the court. His application for judicial review had been rejected by the Divisional Court on the preliminary point concerning jurisdiction.

His appeal would be allowed and the proceedings remitted to the Divisional Court to proceed to hear and determine his judicial review application in accordance with the principles set out in the judgments of the court.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, concurring, said that there had in his judgment been no evidence upon which the Inns of Court tribunal could properly have found deliberate dishonesty on Miss Calder's part.

Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: B. C. Mascarenhas, Wood Green; Allison & Humphreys, Stepney; Treasury Solicitor.

Convention applies to UK child who is subject of foreign access order

In re G (a Minor) (Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction: Access)

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment December 9]

A child who was habitually resident with her mother in England and whose father had access rights granted by the Ontario court, was a child to whom the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction applied.

Article 21 of that Convention provides: "An application to make arrangements for organising or securing the effective exercise of rights of access may be presented to the central authorities of the contracting states in the same way as an application for the return of the child. The central authorities are bound by the obligations of co-operation . . . to promote the peaceful enjoyment of access rights and the fulfilment of any conditions to which the exercise of those rights may be subject . . .

"The central authorities shall take steps to remove, as far as is possible, all obstacles to the exercise of such rights. [They], either directly or through intermediaries, may initiate or assist in the institution of proceedings with a view to organising or protecting these rights and securing respect for the conditions to which the exercise of these rights may be subject."

However, any breach of such access rights would be considered by the English court under its domestic law.

Article 21 of the Convention, which had administrative effect but imposed no direct obligation on judicial authorities, required the *Lord Chancellor's Depart*ment, as the central authority for *the purposes of the Convention,* to assist the father by introduction to local legal services and where necessary by the provision of legal aid.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the father from Mr Justice Cazalet who had (i) held that although weight should be given to a consent order made by Judge Nevins in the Ontario Court, Provincial Division sitting in Toronto, the English court should have regard to the welfare of the child and (ii) ordered specific access arrangements to the father initially to take place in England.

G's parents who had married in England in 1985 had subsequently lived in Canada where G was born in 1989. Following the break up of their marriage the judge in Canadian proceedings had permitted the mother to return with G to live in England but had directed specific access to the father to take place in Canada. On the mother's refusal to comply with the access arrangements the father had initiated proceedings under the *Convention for the protection of* his access rights through the *central authority in England.*

Mr James Turner for the father; Mr Andrew McFarlane for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the first issue, not argued before the judge, was whether on the present facts the *Convention applied.*

Her Ladyship referred to article 7 which enjoined co-operation between competent authorities of the contracting states to achieve the objects of the Convention and article 4 which provided: "The Convention shall apply to any child who was habitually resident in a contracting state immediately before any breach of custody or access rights."

Referring to the effect of the consent order, her Ladyship said that G had become habitually resident in England before the potential breach of access rights was known. On an application in respect of such rights the relevant *jurisdiction under article 4 was the* English, not the Canadian, court.

The effect of Judge Nevins' order was to transfer the primary control *by a court over G from Ontario to* England and to put the English court in the driving seat. The question then arose whether the Convention applied at all.

The Convention focused both on co-operation between central authorities and the enforcement of the return of the child wrongfully removed or retained outside the state of its habitual residence. The Convention did not visualise that orders from a state which was not the state of habitual residence would continue to govern the affairs and welfare of a child living permanently elsewhere.

Her Ladyship adopted Lord Justice Hoffmann's the construc*tion of article 4* and rejected that of Mr Justice Waterhouse in *B v B* ([1988] 1 WLR 526, 532). Article 21 did apply to the case. The Convention's approach to access rights was more flexible than its approach to wrongful removal or retention.

Her Ladyship agreed with the explanation of article 21 given by Dr John Eekelen in his "Explanatory Documentation" prepared for the Commonwealth Jurisdictions in February 1981 that it allowed a party resident outside the contracting state to present to that state's central authority an application for *making arrangments for* organising or securing the effective exercise of rights of access.

Central authorities were not *placed under mandatory duties* with respect to such applications other than generally to promote co-operation, and in practice that could be achieved by passing the matter on to a local lawyer who might either negotiate agreement between the parties or institute whatever proceedings might be necessary in the local court on behalf of the party living abroad.

There was a distinction between the duties of the central authority and the jurisdiction of the court. Article 21 applied at the administrative level to bring the application to the attention of the contracting state.

The authority complied thereafter with its obligation under article 21 by making appropriate arrangements for the applicant and in the present case by providing for legal aid and instructing English lawyers to act on his behalf.

A dissatisfied parent's remedy for enforcing any failure by the Lord Chancellor's Department, as the central authority, would be by way of judicial review.

Where the child was habitually resident in the contracting state, being England, before the breach, the Convention did not directly affect the jurisdiction of the English court.

No teeth were to be found in article 21 and its provisions had no part to play in the decision to be *made by the judge.*

The father's application should *have been made for a section 8* order under the Children Act 1989 and would therefore be governed by the provisions of section 1(1) of the 1989 Act, the child's welfare being paramount.

The court's discretion was accordingly not fettered by the Convention, although the existence of the earlier order, where the child was then habitually resident, was crucially important and a factor to be given the greatest weight consistent with the overriding consideration that the child's welfare was paramount. The judge's exercise of his discretion here had been impeccable and the appeal would be *dismissed.*

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN, agreeing, said that the "contracting state" in article 4 did not mean the state under whose law the rights of access existed. His *Lordship reached his conclusion* for a number of reasons:

1 A *contrary meaning,* which would disapply the Convention in the present case, since the right of access existed under the law of Canada but the contracting state in which G was habitually resident immediately before the breach of that right was England, was too narrow and involved reading wording into the Convention. G was habitually resident in a contracting state.

The article did not say that it had to be the state under which the access right arose.

2 While it was true that the provisions for the return of children were intended to protect rights of custody under the law of the contracting state where the child was habitually resident, that was *expressly spelled out in article 3. It* did not require in addition a narrow interpretation of article 4.

3 Rights of access had normally to be *enforced in the country* where the child was habitually resident. It was *unusual for a breach of access* rights to occur when the child was away from home.

It followed that if article 21 did not apply to the enforcement of a foreign access right in the country of the child's habitual residence it would seldom achieve its object of ensuring that rights of access under the law of one contracting state were effectively respected in the other contracting states.

4 A restrictive interpretation of article 4 was not needed to prevent the Convention from applying to cases which were purely domestic. There was no difficulty in construing article 21 as confined to cases which gave effect to the relevant purpose of the Convention, namely to ensure that foreign access rights were respected.

5 While it was part of the rationale of the child abduction provisions of the Convention that the foreign custody right should be enforced to the extent of returning the child to the jurisdiction from which it had been abducted without regard to the merits, the same was not true of access rights.

His Lordship referred to and adopted the comments of the chairman of the conference which drafted the Convention ((1981) 30 *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* 537, 554-555) that the Convention contained no comparable mandatory provisions for the support of access rights; that the effective exercise of access rights depended in the long run more on the goodwill, or at least the restraint of the parties than the existence of formal rules and that article 21 therefore established open-textured rules for assisting parties to secure the effective exercise of access rights by seeking the intervention of central authorities.

The Master of the Rolls delivered a judgment concurring with both judgments.

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Curing irregularity in service overseas

Boocock v Hilton International Co

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment January 22]

Section 695 of the Companies Act 1985 prescribed the only manner in which a writ could be served on an overseas company and failure to follow it rendered the service ineffective. However the court could exercise its discretion under Order 2, *rule 1 of the Rules of the* Supreme Court to cure any ensuing irregularity.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mrs Mary Boocock, from the decision of Judge Lever, QC, who, sitting as a High Court on April 2, 1992, had, *inter alia,* ordered that *service of the plaintiff's writ on the* defendants, Hilton International Company, be set aside.

The plaintiff had sustained serious injury in an accident which occurred at the Hilton Hotel, Dubai on January 9, 1987. The hotel was managed by defendants, a corporation registered in Delaware, USA with a place of business in Great Britain.

The defendant had sought to set aside the plaintiff's writ stating that service of it was ineffective because the writ had been addressed to the defendants and not to the person whose name had been delivered to the Registrar of Companies as a person resident in Britain and authorised to accept service of process on the company's behalf.

The master had dismissed the application but his decision was reversed on appeal by the defendants to the judge in chambers.

Section 695 of the 1985 Act provides: "(1) Any process or notice required to be served on an overseas company is sufficiently served if addressed to any person whose name has been delivered to the registrar . . . and left at or sent by post to the address which has been so delivered."

Mr Michael Brent, QC for the plaintiff; Mr Andrew Phillips for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that it was argued for the defendants that section 695 prescribed the only manner in which a writ could be served on an overseas company.

The plaintiff, on the other hand, argued that the section should be construed in a practical and pragmatic manner and that in any event it prescribed what should be sufficient service and did not exclude the possibility of other *forms of service in an appropriate* case.

Did section 695 contain a complete code as to the manner in which *process might be served on* an overseas company?

The basic rule as to service of originating process was contained in Order 10, rule 1(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court which prescribed that a writ had to be served personally on each defendant by the plaintiff.

However, Order 10, rule 1(7) provided that the rule was subject to any Act or any *enactment which* provided for the manner in which documents might be served on corporate bodies.

Order 65, rule 3 was concerned with the service of documents on a corporate body. Order 65, rule 2 stated that, in the absence of any relevant enactment, service of *originating process on a corporate* body could now be effected either by personal service on one of the persons named in Order 65, rule 3(1) or by sending a copy of the writ to the registered office of the corporate body.

In the present case, however, the 1985 Act made provision as to service and it seemed to his Lordship that, in the light of Order 10, *rule 1(7), section 695(1)* governed the matter despite the fact that there was no reference to "any enactment" in Order 65, rule 3(2).

Although the matter was not wholly free from doubt, it seemed to his Lordship that the combined effect of Order 10, rule 1(7) and Order 65, rule 3(1) was to limit the methods of service of originating process as to the methods prescribed in the 1985 Act. In the present case the writ was not addressed to the correct person and accordingly service was not effected in accordance with section 695(1).

However, in the circumstances, his Lordship was satisfied that in *the interests of justice* the court's power under Order 2, rule 1 to cure an *irregularity should be* exercised in the plaintiff's favour.

Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Hoffmann agreed.

Solicitors: Robin Thompson & Partners, Ilford; Jarvis & Bannister.

Assumption in assessing compensation

Canterbury City Council v Colley and Another

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Mustill and Lord Woolf

[Speeches January 21]

In assessing the compensation payable for the revocation of planning permission to demolish and rebuild a house, after demolition but before rebuilding had commenced, the valuer had to apply section 146(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 *and assume that permission to* rebuild the house would be granted, even though such permission had been the subject matter of the revocation order.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Mark Colley and Janine Colley from the order of the Court of Appeal (Sir *Donald Nicholls,* Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice Farquharson) *(The Times* March 27, 1992; (1992) 90 LGR 321) allowing an appeal by Canterbury City Council on a case stated by the Lands Tribunal in respect of the compensation payable for the revocation of planning *permission for the erection of a* new dwelling on the site of Marley House, Pean Hill, Whitstable, Kent.

Mr David Keene, QC and Mr Barry Payton for the appellants; Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Mr Edward Cousins for the council.

LORD OLIVER said that section 45 of the 1971 Act empowered a local planning authority, subject to confirmation by the secretary of state, to order the revocation of a planning permission which had been granted.

Where such an order had been made, a person interested in the *land who* had incurred expenditure rendered abortive by the order or who had otherwise sustained loss directly attributable to *the revocation was entitled, under* section 164, to claim *compensation.*

Section 164(4), however, contained a provision *limiting the* amount of any loss capable of being claimed for depreciation of value: "In calculating . . . the amount of any loss . . . it shall be assumed that planning permission would be granted for development of the land of any class specified in Schedule 8 to this Act".

Part I of the Schedule embraced, for relevant purposes, the rebuilding of buildings in existence on January 1, 1948 or coming into existence thereafter so long as the cubic content of the original building was not exceeded by certain defined *limits.*

The present appeal related to a *property at Whitstable known as* Marley House for which an outline planning permission had been granted on November 15, 1961 for "the demolition of house and erection of new dwelling".

The house was demolished in 1963 but no new dwelling was ever erected. In 1986 the appellants purchased the site at a price of £14,500 and thereafter there en*sued a lengthy dispute* between the appellants and the council relating to the continuing validity of the 1961 permission. That dispute was finally resolved in the appellants' favour.

In November 1987, however, the council notified the appellants that they had made an order revoking the 1961 permission and had submitted it to the secretary of *state for confirmation. Following a* public enquiry the order was confirmed.

The appellants then made a claim for compensation under section 164 which was referred to the Lands Tribunal.

The question currently in issue was the correctness of the Lands Tribunal member's assessment of the depreciation in value of the land at the sum of £106,750 which was arrived at by, in effect, disregarding the assumption required to be made by section 164(4).

The member had valued the land with the benefit of the 1961 *permission at £115,000.* Without that permission, and disregarding the *statutory assumption,* the valuation was £8,250.

On the basis of *making* the statutory assumption, however, the post-revocation value of the land was £70,000, thus reducing the compensation on that footing to £45,000.

In reaching the conclusion that he did in apparent defiance of the express requirement of section 164(4), the member had been much influenced by the fact that the development to which the revoked permission related was, in *substance at least,* the very permission which the subsection required to be assumed to be still subsisting.

As it happened, the evidence satisfied him that the 1961 permission would have enabled the appellants to build a considerably larger house than the original Marley House.

The statutory assumption would, however, result in the appellants being deprived of a substantial part of their real loss by the attribution of a notional planning permission which was in fact *incapable of implementation.*

Indeed, as Mr Keene had forcefully argued, if one supposed a planning permission covering *merely the erection of a building of* the same size and on the same site as the building demolished, the effect of the statutory assumption was to eliminate any compensation at all for the undoubted depreciation of the land value occasioned by the revocation.

The member's view had been that that could not possibly have been the intention of Parliament in enacting a provision designed to provide compensation.

That the results of applying section 164(4) could, in appropriate *circumstances,* be anomalous was beyond doubt. Nevertheless, the provisions of section 164(4) were, in terms, mandatory and his Lordship could not see any escape from the proposition that they required to be applied even in the case postulated of the notional permission to be assumed being the very permission that had in fact been revoked.

Substantially *similar* provisions to sections 45 and 164 and Schedule 8 had been first enacted in sections 21 and 22 of and Schedule 3 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1947. In particular, the assumption in section 164(4) was provided for in section 22(7).

Where a later statute expressly incorporated and applied a section *from an existing* statute [as his Lordship found to be the case with section 22(7)] it was quite impossible to attribute to it in its new application a *meaning* different from that which it bore in the statute from which it was taken.

The section had a perfectly clear meaning in the context of the 1947 Act and clearly applied equally to the case where the permission revoked was one for a development specified in Schedule 3.

The legislative history thus underlined the impossibility of escaping the conclusion that the clear purpose of the legislature had been to *limit* the amount of compensation payable for depreciation due to a revocation of planning permission by fixing a base value for the land in all cases on the footing that planning permission for any class of Schedule 8 development would be granted.

That had to include, however arbitrary it might seem, even development of that very class which was the subject matter of the *revoked permission.*

The conclusion was not one which his Lordship embraced with any enthusiasm and it might well be that the particular circumstance of the revoked permission being the very permission comprehended in the statutory assumption was not one which the legisdature foresaw as ever likely to occur.

But while that provided a sound reason for the hope expressed by Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, that Parliament might look again at what he described as "an anachronistic relic" [from the 1947 legislation], it could not provide an avenue for escape from the clear and express words of the section.

Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner, Lord Mustill and Lord Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: Hempsons; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr P. Wilson-Sharp, Canterbury.

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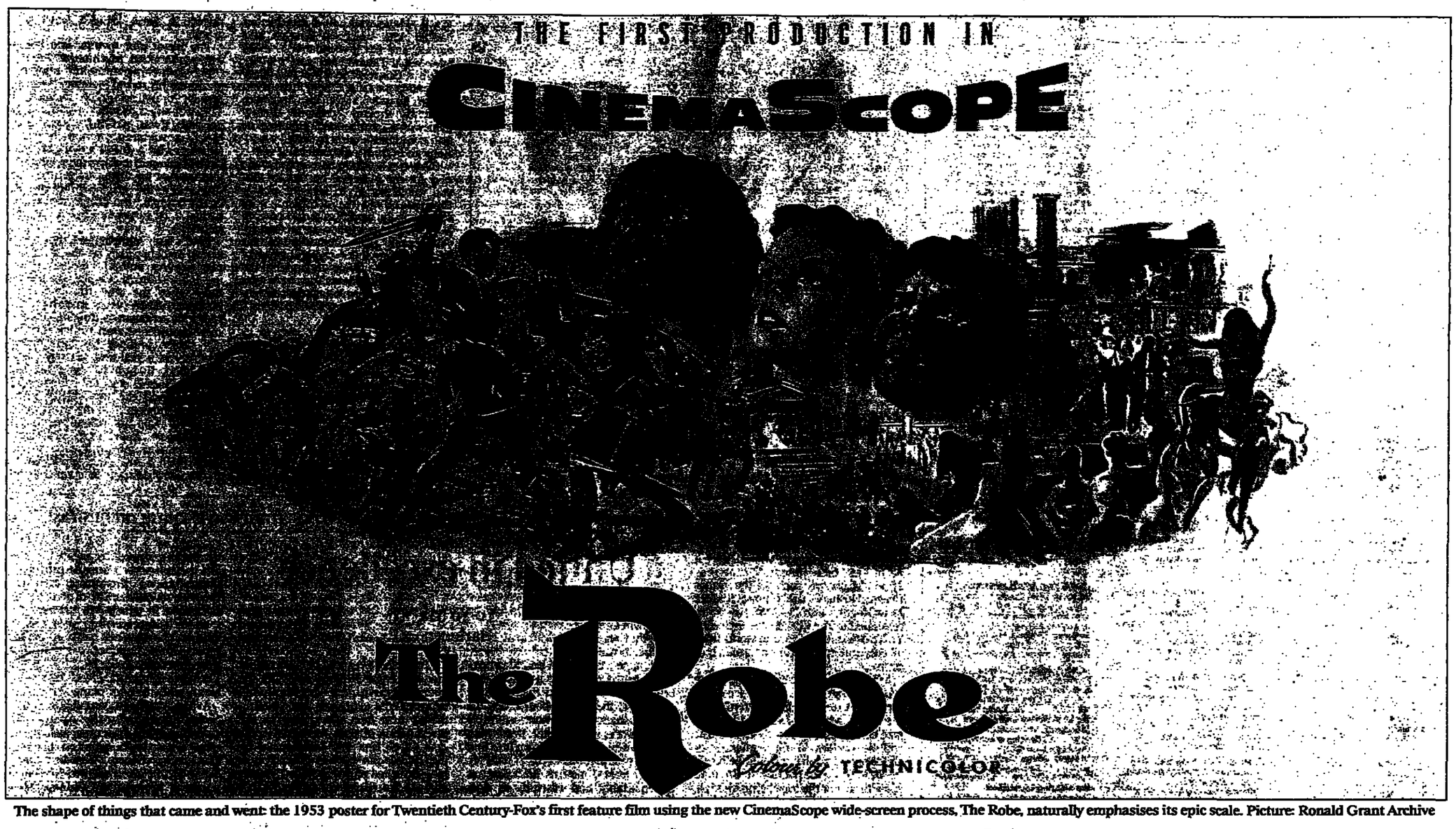


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The shape of things that came and went: the 1953 poster for Twentieth Century-Fox's first feature film using the new CinemaScope wide-screen process, The Robe, naturally emphasises its epic scale. Picture: Ronald Grant Archive

Broadly speaking, a failure

Forty years ago, CinemaScope was unveiled as Hollywood's latest weapon against television.

Geoff Brown recounts why the process, like Smell-O-Vision and Cinerama, did not catch on

Forty years ago a revolution erupted. Instead of being more or less square in shape, the cinema screen stretched its sides to resemble a coffin, a dollar bill, or an envelope from the taxman. On September 16, 1953, the biblical epic *The Robe* opened in New York, and CinemaScope, the new darling of Twentieth Century-Fox, made its public debut.

On a screen roughly two and a half times as long as it was high, centurions marched, Christians pondered and Richard Burton chewed some lamentable dialogue. "Its impact on the trade and public must be boffo — in spades," noted the trade paper *Variety*. They were right. The Berlin Film Festival, however, cannot wait until September: CinemaScope will receive its salute in two weeks' time.

But is there much to celebrate? Despite the public's applause, many directors and cameramen rightly tore out their hair at this latest wonder. "The worst shape ever devised," growled Rouben Mamoulian, who finished his career with the CinemaScope musical *Silk Stockings*. John Ford thought the screen resembled a huge tennis court. The best comment was from the irascible Fritz Lang, who considered CinemaScope fit only for photographing snakes or funerals.

Specifically, film-makers complained about the lack of depth, the clumsiness of close-ups with vacant spaces to the left and right, and the camera's immobilisation. Henry Koster, director of *The Robe*, spilled the beans when he wrote "I placed my camera in a central spot and forgot about it". He was boasting, too. There was also a feeling that the CinemaScope oblong was unnatural: *The Last Supper* and some altar-pieces aside, this was not the shape of the world's great paintings.

Fox's executives thought differently. Painfully aware of the new lure of television, they looked hard for some spectacular device to entice audiences away from the monster box in their living rooms. The previous year, the public had flocked to the travelogue *This is Cinerama*, with its curved screen, stereophonic sound and enormous image concocted from three synchronised projectors. 3-D was also getting a new airing: in *Bwana Devil*, an otherwise tawdry melodrama, wild animals leapt into people's laps.

Fox turned to a system perfected in France in the late 1920s by Dr Henri Chrétien. The science was surprisingly simple. One anamorphic, or distorting, lens was attached to the camera, squeezing the wide-angle image being photographed so that it could fit the usual 35mm film. During projection, another anamorphic lens was attached to the projector, expanding the image to its original size.

> 'Many directors tore out their hair at this latest wonder'

At the time nobody wanted to know. Sound was the new rage. During the 1930s, Paramount considered the process, but decided to pass. So did the French; so did the British. But after the Rank Organisation's option expired in 1952, Fox leapt in to reap the rewards. All their films, they announced, would be shot in CinemaScope (a name Fox invented). They would also be in colour and stereophonic sound.

Garish adverts for *How To Marry a Millionaire*, *Three Coins in a Fountain* and their fellows trumpeted the new dispensation. Extra width! Extra depth! Three-dimensional sound! Establishing the new technology brought considerable expense, though CinemaScope also had its cost-cutting side: Fox secretly hoped budgets could be reduced by slashing the number of camera set-ups.

Among competitors, Cinerama proved too cumbersome to live beyond occasional travelogues or epic frivolities such as *The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm*; by the early 1960s, 70mm film, which required a single projector, had taken over. 3-D faded even more rapidly. The eye strain was not worth the candle.

Other technical stunts came and went. There was AromaRama, and 1960's Smell-O-Vision, solely used in a tongue-in-cheek thriller *The Scent of Mystery*, where appropriate aromas wafted down tubes to each individual seat. There was Sensurround, developed in 1974 for *Earthquake*, which induced a vibrating sensation inseparable from a Tube line rumbling beneath a cinema.

But Fox's revolution had staying power, and spread all over Hollywood. The worst of CinemaScope's early imperfections were ironed out, and other rival processes, Panavision especially, reached new levels of sophistication. By the mid-1960s Panavision became the preferred wide-screen system. Though a degree of shrinkage ultimately set in, mainstream Hollywood never returned to the long-established screen ratio of 1.33:1.

For two heads talking, an intimate love scene, or one man walking a dog, the wide screen spells death. But it does have its points. It revels in a landscape's panoramic sweep, or two battling armies. For imaginative directors and cameramen, it gives opportunities for spatial ballets, dramatic conjunctions of faces, objects and decor. Nicholas Ray tamed the CinemaScope beast in *Rebel Without a Cause*. Anthony Mann, John Sturges and Sergio Leone used the elongated frame to give their Westerns a powerful edge.

By now most films avoid Cinemascope's pure oblong shape: a screen ratio between 1.66:1 to 2:1 is the norm. Occasionally directors still take the plunge. James Foley risked it last year in *Glengarry Glen Ross*. With *The Last of the Mohicans*, Michael Mann had battles and spectacular scenery to tempt him. Yet here again the challenge was not properly grasped. Compositions lacked depth, just as they did in CinemaScope's early days, and the camera's zig-zag dashes across the screen made some of the action difficult for the eye to digest.

Martin Scorsese once declared he would never use the letter-box shape for one simple reason: television. To fit that screen, a CinemaScope-sized film must either be shown with distracting black bands across the top and bottom, a method most viewers dislike, or have its images panned and scanned, a method most film-makers abhor.

But technology never stands still. Forty years after the screen stretched sideways, a new world has dawned, on the home front at least. This is the inter-active age. A generation is sprouting up that cannot rest content with passively viewing a television or computer screen, whatever its size: they must press buttons or joysticks and manipulate the image.

A "virtual reality" headset, meanwhile, could plunge the spectator seeking thrills into varied simulated experiences: riding the surf waves, climbing Mount Everest, wrestling Arnold Schwarzenegger. What hope is there for the old technology faced with such developments?

GALLERIES: **Andrew Gibbon Williams** on a Paris show of early 20th-century German Expressionism

How Germany echoed to the French call of the wild

This exhibition, at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, makes for a very *grand repas* indeed, divided into three substantial courses. The first two parts of **L'Expressionnisme en Allemagne 1905-1914** comprise the major avant-garde groups in pre-first world war Germany — Die Brücke and Der Blaue Reiter; the third, less well known Berlin artists of the same period.

The impression created by German Expressionism *en masse* is one of intense artistic self-consciousness. Employing lurid colour and angry brushwork, and thumbing their noses at every convention, Die Brücke and Der Blaue Reiter artists set out to *épater les bourgeois* in a big way. Whereas their Cubist peers "constructively" extended the Western tradition of observation, the Germans tried to destroy it.

In the case of the Dresden-based Die Brücke, Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Karl Schmidt-Rottluff and their allies embraced so-called "primitive" art in an attempt to rescue what they saw as the authentic creative urge from the slough of Western sophistication. Not that there was anything particularly original about their admiration for tribal art: French artists had been obsessed by it ever since the 1880s and Gauguin, of course, had already "gone native".

But Die Brücke artists did more than merely assimilate the spirit of "primitive" art as Gauguin had done, they made a full-blooded attempt to think themselves into the role of the creative savage. If a Congolese wood-carver were handed paint brush and oils, the results, one feels, might well resemble the pictures which actually were produced at the Moritzburg lakeside by Kirchner, Max Pechstein and Erich Heckel, in and around 1910.

Even mixing colour seems to have been too great a concession to "belle peinture" for them. The dominant figure in Pechstein's *Au bord du lac*, for example, rises like a livid cadmium yellow Venus from cobalt blue water; Schmidt-Rottluff paints three negroid-featured nudes entirely in red, defining their forms in cursory black outline. Die Brücke painting at its most uncompromising is raw and brash.

As the group's somewhat cryptic name implies, Die Brücke artists deliberately cultivated allies, forging "bridges" all over the place. But the term was also intended to suggest a journey from the familiar to the unknown; and the group's debt to the Fauves is clear. The liberated colour of Matisse was an almost universal influence on members of this generation of European avant-garde painters, and nowhere is it more striking than in an important nude by Kirchner called *Jeune fille à l'ombrelle japonaise*. The range of primaries is distributed across the canvas with studied abandon, giving rise to a sultry, decorative, Matisse-like effect.

Expressionist figuration in the Die Brücke mould has itself recently enjoyed a vogue among the younger generation of German artists, but it would still be hard to argue that it affected the course of 20th-century art as definitively as the innovations made by the group of artists who first exhibited around Wassily Kandinsky in Munich in 1911. Their belief in the innate aesthetic value of form and colour and the faith in the subconscious of Der Blaue Reiter mapped out paths which led directly to both Abstraction and Surrealism.

Kandinsky, the most dynamic of the Blaue Reiter (Blue Rider) group, is properly given pride of place, the many canvases permitting the visitor to trace the artist's rapid progress from image-based pictures like *Murnau avec église* to precocious abstracts like the wonderfully stark *Lyrique* of 1911. It is, however, from the paintings of Kandinsky's co-founder, Franz Marc, that most pleasure is to be derived. There may be less of the "inner necessity" Kandinsky extols in the group's theoretical credo, *On the Spiritual in Art*, about Marc's beautiful watercolours of animals, but their freshness and naivety resurrects them from the debate about the validity of abstraction in which even Kandinsky's best pictures still seem firmly anchored.



Ernst Ludwig Kirchner's oil of Marzella, painted 1909-1910, typically illustrates the Fauvist influence on German artists

● L'Expressionnisme en Allemagne 1905-1914 *at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, 11 avenue du Président Wilson, 75116 Paris (010 33-1 47 23 61 27), until March 14*

Miró year caps the Catalan conquests

ARTS BRIEFING

BARCELONA, keen to maintain the high international profile it won by hosting the Olympics last year, has struck lucky: 1993 sees the centenary of Joan Miró's birth, and the artist's home city is making the most of the anniversary. Described as the most complete Miró show ever mounted, the exhibition which opens at the Miró Foundation on April 20 (the exact anniversary day) will bring together more than 500 paintings and drawings, loaned from 80 galleries around the world. The Barcelona authorities are expecting around 300,000 visitors during the four months that the show is on.

● VICTORIA Glendinning is the bookmakers' favourite to take the Whitbread Book of the Year prize today. William Hill is quoting 6-4 odds on Glendinning walking away with a cheque for £20,500 for her biography, *Trollope*, which earlier won £2,000 for being a finalist. Second favourite for the top prize is Jeff Torrington's *Swing Hammer Swing!*, which won the first novel category, while the children's category winner, *The Great Elephant Chase* by Gillian Cross, is third favourite at 7-2.

Top dogs in Europe

ANTWERP is poised to launch its first events as the European Cultural Capital of 1993. But six more cities are already flexing their muscles after the announcement by European ministers of culture of the six chosen "cultural capitals" up to 1999. The cities are: Lisbon 1994; Luxembourg 1995; Copenhagen 1996; Thessalonika 1997; Stockholm 1998; and Weimar in 1999. Cities in non-EC countries in Europe will be candidates from now on, provided they are founded on the principles of democracy with a constitutional state.

Last chance . . .

THE Royal Shakespeare Company's Stratford season comes to an end with a great splurge of plays on Saturday: among them Peter Hall's cool production of *All's Well That Ends Well* at the Swan, Derek Walcott's lively adaptation of *The Odyssey* at the Other Place, a peppy *Taming of the Shrew* and a festive *Winter's Tale* at (respectively) the matinée and evening performance in the ample acres of the Royal Shakespeare Theatre itself. The day before, Friday, sees the close of *Antony and Cleopatra*, notable mainly for the near-infinite variety of Clare Higgins's Queen, also at the RST. But a last chance for Warwickshire may soon be a first chance for London. Expect several of these productions to resurface at the Barbican later this year. Box office: 0789-295623.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: The young Austrian conductor Franz Welser-Möst shows off his talents with the LPO in a varied programme of works by Schubert, Strauss, Nicolai, Fučík, Suppé and J. Strauss II. Pianist Grit Pirner replaces Mitsuko Uchida as soloist in Richard Strauss's *Burleske*. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

NASH ENSEMBLE: Continuing the series of concerts commemorating great occasions in the history of London's Wigmore Hall, the Nash recreates a concert presented on behalf of the Free French Government on May 7, 1943. Mezzo-soprano Felicity Palmer, baritone Stephen Varcoe and pianists Ian Brown and Hamish Milne are soloists in a programme of Fauré, Bizet and Saint-Saëns. **Wigmore Hall**, 36 Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

EDVARD MUNCH: A study evening on the work of the Norwegian artist begins with a lecture by Michael Wilson, head of exhibitions at the National, followed by a private view of the show. **National Gallery**, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321), 6.15pm.

THE GLASS SHOW. A part of the overall craft revival which has been very prominent since the Sixties is the making of art works in glass. This is the first major retrospective, covering the 25 years from the arrival of Sam Herman at the Royal College, and his introduction of techniques which enabled designers to work with the hot glass themselves. This changed the face of British glass-making, and opened the way to such prominent figures as Steven Newell, Diana Hobson and Rachel Woodman. **Crafts Council Gallery**, 44A Pentonville Road, N1 (071-278 7700). Tues-Sat, 11am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until March 7.

THE ASH FIRE: Fascinating sounding first play by Gavin Kostick from last year's Dublin Festival, based on the adventures of his grandparents, Russian Jews who jumped ship at Dublin thinking they had reached New York. **Tricycle**, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-372 6611). Preview tonight, 8pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm.

THE NORTHERN TRAWL: Remould Theatre Company's documentary-style play tells the story of the deep-sea fishermen who sail the hostile Arctic waters off Greenland, Iceland and Russia. Written and researched by Rupert Creed and Jim Hawkins. **Bridge Lane Theatre**, Bridge Lane, SW11 (071-228 8828). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm.

REGIONAL

CARDIFF: Two women, one deaf (Elizabeth Quinn), find their lives changed by the blues of Bessie Smith, played by Suzanne Bonnar: Jackie Kay's *Every Bit of It* performed by The Sphinx (formerly The Women's Theatre Company). **Sherman**, Senghennydd Road (0222 230451), tonight-Sat, 8pm.

MANCHESTER: *Heer Ranjha*, Jatinda Verma's latest production for the cross-cultural Asian company Tara Arts, continues a tour. The classic Indian story, similar to *Romeo and Juliet*, tells the tale of star-crossed lovers. **Contact Theatre**, Oxford Road (061-274 4400). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

NORTHAMPTON: The **English Shakespeare Company** continues the rounds with its stagings of *The Tempest* (with Irish actress and singer Olwen Fouere in the role of Ariel) and a revival of Bogdanov's favoured production of *Macbeth*. **Derngate Theatre**, 19/21 Guildhall Road (0604 24811), tonight-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 4pm and 8pm.

SUNDERLAND: The **Russian All Stars'** staging of the Tchaikovsky ballet *The Sleeping Beauty*, on ice, is intended to be popular entertainment. Although lacking in sensitivity — a lot of the small detail is missing from the choreography and the recorded account of the music is blasted across the stage — the skill and bravura of the performances keep the audience applauding. The production is at Sunderland until January 30, then tours until June 12. **Empire**, High Street West (091-514 2517). Tues-Sun, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS:** Ostrovsky's sharp, affectionate picture of a theatrical anthill in Russia circa 1880. Lovely performances by, among others, Sylvestra le Touzel and Philip Voss. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 150mins.

□ **BARNUM:** Agreeable showbiz musical, with Paul Nicholas walking the high wire. Bouncy numbers by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart. **Dominion**, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 8845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

◪ **BLACK LIGHT THEATRE OF PRAGUE:** Surreal version of Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, better suited to a younger audience. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tues-Sat, 7pm, mats Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, 2pm, Sun, 4pm. 120mins.

■ **CAROUSEL:** Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammerstein fairground musical. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins.

◪ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Rattigan's play on infatuation gets into high gear. Strong performances by Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache; exemplary production by Karel Reisz. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **HAY FEVER:** Very funny performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **HEART:** Black Mime Theatre applies wit, passion and physical theatre to suggest how relationships go wrong. **Young Vic Studio**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm.

□ **AN IDEAL HUSBAND:** Anna Carteret, Hannah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mins.

□ **IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY:** Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 135mins.

◪ ***KING LEAR:*** *Solid, respectable* performance by Tom Wilkinson in a low-powered staging by Max Stafford-Clark. With Saskia Reeves, Hugh Ross. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

□ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:** Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

□ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **MISERY:** Ridiculous but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller. Good for King addicts. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◪ **MR CINDERS:** Samuel West and Sally Anne Triplett help spread more than a little happiness in the Vivian Ellis charmer reversing the Cinderella story. **King's Head**, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 150mins.

◪ **OUR SONG:** Peter O'Toole in Keith Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only hear the man's point of view. **Apollo**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

◪ **RICHARD III:** Simon Russell Beale's bald, savagely funny monster in Sam Mendes's memorable RSC staging. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 195mins.

◪ **THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE:** Alison Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy girl escaping her raucous mother. Ingenious but incredible. **Aldwych**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT:** Simon Cadell, John Wells, Richard Kane, Christopher Gee play all 26 parts in *Giles Havergal's marvellous adaptation* of Graham Greene's novel. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

□ **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA:** David Thacker's winning revival, Thirties style, both comic and romantic, delightfully acted — not least by a reproachful mutt. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 150mins. Returns to the repertoire on February 5.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DEEP COVER** (18): Undercover cop (Larry Fishburne) infiltrates L.A.'s drug dealers. Potboiler with quirky trimmings. Stars Jeff Goldblum; director Bill Duke. **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031).

◆ **MIDNIGHT STING** (15): Rival conmen lock horns over a boxing contest. Ugly, crowd-pleasing fare, with James Woods, Bruce Dern, Louis Gossett Jr. Director, Michael Ritchie. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

NIGHT AND THE CITY (15): Small-time lawyer Robert De Niro turns boxing promoter. Restless, disappointing remake of the 1950 classic. With Jessica Lange; director, Irwin Winkler. **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353).

SCHTONK! (15): Boisterous comedy based on the Hitler diaries scandal. *Muted as satire, but enjoyably plush.* With Götz George, Uwe Ochsenknecht; director, Helmut Dietl. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

SWEET EMMA, DEAR BOBE (18): István Szabó's piercing portrait of disordered life in post-communist Budapest: his best film in years. **Metro** (071-437 0757)

CURRENT

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his career. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **A FEW GOOD MEN** (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Starring Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier. **Lumière** (071-836 0691).

◆ **RESERVOIR DOGS** (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **SINGLES** (12): The love problems of Seattle twentysomethings. Engaging, upbeat entertainment, nicely portrayed (Kyra Sedgwick, Campbell Scott, Matt Dillon). Writer-director Cameron Crowe. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279/379 7025) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (*Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu*); director, Alain Corneau. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** finds Joe Orton's peculiar genius well served, two decades on

Ripe revival of a ribald romp



Isla Blair and Roger Sloman: perfectly embodying the right spirit

What The Butler Saw
Playhouse, Salisbury

JOE ORTON's last play, famously booed from the gallery at its first production, is now established as a modern classic. A century hence it will probably be revived at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, in a production packed with theatrical knights and dames, and the descendants of those who yelled "shame on you!" to Sir Ralph Richardson in 1969 will cheer that cast to the rafters. They might even do so already, since the Salisbury audience hugely enjoyed Penny Ciniewicz's production, giggling or guffawing at the bizarre sexual confusions and Orton's disconcerting wit.

Ciniewicz is said to have updated the play for the Nineties, but not so that you would notice. In fact, the play is timeless and will remain contemporary so long as the world contains knowing hotel pageboys, innocent secretaries, madhouses and memories of Sir Winston Churchill. A projecting part of a bronze statue (evidently nude) of the hero of 1940, blown up in a gas explosion, has been lost, and is thought to be embedded in the secretary's stepmother.

Its recovery brings the play to its Dionysian climax and in my review of a previous revival I voiced a prissy objection to this episode. Here it seems a perfect incident with which to close the evening, following the delicious discovery of a brooch that unites four members of a long-parted, and now incestuous, family. "And this is how it should be," remarks the mad inspector of madhouses, "for love must bring greater joy than violence." In this respect at least, Orton's heart was sound.

The incest plot springs into being when a troubled psychiatrist (Jeremy Child, sometimes uncertain) attempts to conceal his naked secretary (Jacqueline Defferary, admirably distressed). The over-sexed pageboy — amusingly played by Ewan McGregor, particularly when wobbling on high heels — together with a doctor's nympho wife (Isla Blair) and the inspector, provide the impetus for Orton to get the boy disguised as the girl, the girl disguised as the boy, and the doctor accused of being a transvestite by a sexual murderer.

Blair's fire, hauteur and mounting alarm are absolutely in the style the play requires, and all the cast (including Paul Viragh's complaisant policeman) obey the rule that whatever happens, however crazy, must be taken with total seriousness. Roger Sloman's inspector, insane embodiment of official sanity, outlines his burgeoning fantasies in a rich and gravelly voice. But Child, though he looks like an eminent doctor, does not suggest that he could, off the top of his head, imagine someone making white golliwogs for sale in colour-prejudiced trouble-spots. Apart from such local lapses in tone the production comes across with a fine pace, sensitivity to rhythm and sharp, insouciant charm.

LONDON CONCERTS: Eclectic solo virtuosity, plus breadth of vision from two exciting orchestras

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Yo-Yo Ma
Barbican

THE term "cross-over" should, with a bit of luck, be redundant by the year 2000. Musicians such as the singer Dawn Upshaw, the pianist Joanna MacGregor, and — as we were reminded at the weekend — the cellist Yo-Yo Ma, are performing works from all eras and in all idioms as a matter of course.

Ma prefers to use the phrase *Carte Blanche*: that is the title of a concert series he is devising for Amsterdam at the end of March, in which a week of jazz, contemporary and classical music will be performed for audiences of children and adults. It would be nice if he could bring the package to England some time. For the time being, though, the Barbican's Sunday afternoon capacity audience enjoyed a recital which began with Beethoven and Shostakovich and ended with Gershwin and Falla. And that was without the encores.

On paper, Beethoven and Shostakovich seemed to be the heavyweights. But Ma subtly showed that, in their own ways, they were about much the same business as the more ostensibly "light" works in the recital. Beethoven, for instance, in both the structure and the key modulations of his Sonata No 4 in C teases, mourns and sings as unpredictably and easefully as does Falla in his Spanish songs. Shostakovich listens, in his D minor Sonata (Op 40) to the confiding voice of his country's own music just as Dvořák and Gershwin did before him.

Ma perfectly realised the alternating moods of the Beethoven. With the pianist Kathryn Stott completing and defining the sigh of the opening theme, and later conspiring in the investigation of time and space in the slow movement, this performance reintroduced the cellist's characteristic long-breathed phrasing, veiled timbres and sodden, spring-coiled attack.

He and Stott drove Shostakovich's folky scherzo hard, with Ma drumming up a primitive ostinato, and with the piano's formidable octaves imitating the composer's idiosyncratic xylophone writing. Gershwin, after the interval, revealed more of that gentle humming in which Ma seems to be inviting us to eavesdrop on a private meditation. Heifetz's version of his three piano preludes were further transcribed for cello by Ma, just as Dvořák's *Romantic Pieces* had been arranged by him for piano and cello.

When it came to Manuel de Falla's *Seven Spanish Popular Songs*, Ma simply sang out their vocal part on the cello, with vividly nuanced playing. His second encore, Kreisler's witty *Tambourin chinois*, saluted Ma's own ancestral heritage on Chinese New Year's day.

HILARY FINCH

Walton put to the test

RPO/Ashkenazy
Festival Hall

WILLIAM WALTON certainly did not belong to what Constant Lambert liked to call the "cowpat school" of English composers. Even so, it is revealing to hear what a musician of Mischa Maisky's heritage makes of a Cello Concerto, originally written for his great Russian compatriot and forerunner Gregor Piatigorsky.

With Vladimir Ashkenazy conducting the Royal Philharmonic, this was certainly one of the most intense and demanding performances the work has received in London for some time. It held considerable challenges for the listener as much as for the orchestra players. Maisky seemed to take his cue from the first and last notes of the work: those moments when vibraphone and harp are both beginning and ending — a sense of creation hovering on the brink of dissolution.

The time and care Maisky took in threading each note of the seemingly infinite opening melody through bow and string gave an improvisatory nature to the composition. And the qualities of movement with which he shaped the increasingly free variations of the finale drew attention to its elusive, unstable harmonic structure.

In Maisky's hands, the central movement was far more than the scherzo-like episode which it can seem. This was a true *Allegro appassionato*, upbows and upbeats torn from the score into a primitive dance.

This was playing which both exercised the sometimes slack muscle of the work itself, and kept orchestral ensemble wide awake. The RPO's high-fibre playing continued after the interval in a *Belshazzar's Feast* which made just the "beastly noise" the composer himself expected. There was a rare, raw edge to the initial declamation in the open throats of the Brighton Festival Chorus, and stridency from cellos and brass as they tried to sing the Lord's song in a strange land.

The energy and discipline of this performance threw into sharp relief the virtuosity of Walton in his control of tempo and rhythm. But it also bared the near-banal *pictorialism* of a score which frequently rises no higher in its expressive aspiration than that of the *Henry V* film music with which the concert had begun. John Connell, as the bass soloist, covered his moments of melodrama with a telling veil of menace.

HILARY FINCH

Czechs bring a raw thrill

Prague SO/Turnovsky
Festival Hall

FIRST of the visiting orchestras in what is billed as the 1993 "London International Orchestral Season" on the South Bank was the Prague Symphony Orchestra under its recently appointed chief conductor Martin Turnovsky. He seems to be on the way to finding a convincing rapport with his players. At any rate, he made sure the orchestral playing was a distinctive feature for an unusual calling-card: Janáček's *Glagolitic Mass*.

The piece was once regarded as a bit of oddball exotica for choirs. But the dramatic character of this Slavonic mass has long since made it increasingly admired, as Janáček's operatic reputation has grown. English singers now get their tongues round the original text if not with ease then certainly with skilled delivery, as the *London Symphony Chorus did here*. The LSC's chorus-master, Stephen Westrop, took a deserved bow at the end.

The chorus singers bore the brunt of expressive fervour in a work written much more in terms of festive celebration than liturgical devotion, carried along on the crest of vivid instrumental textures realised with the freshness of biting wind-instrument tone and strings with quite a raw edge. Jan Hora's long organ solo near the end peeled out in considerable splendour; he is evidently on good terms with the Festival Hall's sometimes recalcitrant instrument.

Of the disproportionate vocal solos, Magdalena Hajóssyová's soprano had a metallic brilliance suited to her part, but the tenor Kaludi Kaludov, with the other major share, was at times too soft-grained for clarity. Peter Mikulá contributed a fervent bass, and the contralto of Marta Beňačková was so smooth and seductive one wished she had more than ten bars to sing.

Turnovsky's conducting showed an ear for telling balance and rhythmic flexibility, qualities that also marked his accompaniment for the Paris-born Raphael Oleg in a masterful performance of the Violin Concerto by Brahms. The violinist's range of technical resource was at the service of an eloquent sensibility in the give and take of *tempo rubato*, supported in the central adagio movement by the orchestra's plangent oboe, and other self-reliant woodwind, to intensely vivid purpose.

NOEL GOODWIN

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Rounding up the unusual suspects

A new supplement to the *Dictionary of National Biography* acknowledges the sins of earlier omissions. **Jonathan Vivian** reports

Dr Christine Nicholls works in a small eighth-floor office, filled with reference books, papers and carefully labelled shoe boxes, in Oxford's Bodleian Library buildings. The key scene in the final episode of *Inspector Morse* was filmed in the courtyard visible from her window ("They were very noisy"). A historian married to a history don, she is the editor of 20th century supplements for the *Dictionary of National Biography (DNB)*, responsible for continuing the great scholarly enterprise which Leslie Stephen, the original editor, set in motion in 1882.

Taking advantage of "a bit of a lull" between the 1981-5 and 1986-90 instalments, Nicholls has now produced *Missing Persons*, a special supplement devoted to all those who were "unjustly omitted" from the *DNB*. "We've got two huge filing cabinets full of suggestions, dating back to the very first volume," she explains. "People have always written in proposing other names, and it seemed the ideal time to pull all these ideas together." Experts and the broadsheet-reading public were approached when the project got under way four years ago, eliciting an "overwhelming" response: 100,000 candidates, from whom 1,086 missing persons were chosen.

They are necessarily a diverse group, and any random dip into the book produces a delightfully miscellaneous assortment of characters: the polygamous King Sobhuza II of Swaziland; Donalbane, Macbeth's antagonist; Kirkpatrick Macmillan, inventor of the bicycle; John Merrick, the Elephant Man; Zozimus, a Dublin street entertainer; the Home Secretary Henry Brooke, father of the present heritage minister; Bram Stoker, creator of Dracula; and William Murphy (1823/4-72), described simply as "rabble rouser".

Perhaps over-blandly, the preface implies that the bulk of the new "entrants" were thrown up by the expansion of modern scholarship into previously under-explored fields. But many can be seen as victims in the past of the prejudices of stuffy academic editors. Against sport and popular entertainment, for instance: John Wisden, Harry Vardon, Stan Laurel and Will Hay are among those making their debuts. Industry was blatantly another blind spot, as the presence of such names as Cadbury and Barclay attests. "We were aware that the original *DNB* neglected businessmen," Nicholls says, "and there was also a significant lack of engineers, of the builders of Britain in the 19th century."

Missing Persons contains proportionately four times as many women as the *DNB* as a whole (12 per cent of entries compared to 3 per cent), and incorporates a number of figures already honoured by the feminist biographical dictionaries which began to appear in the 1980s, such as Rosalind Franklin, Gertrude Jekyll, Gwen John, Lillie Langtry and Sylvia Pankhurst.

> "The original *DNB* neglected businessmen, and there was also a lack of engineers"

The publishers were lobbied intensively, with one women's studies course in the United States sending a list of 500 18th-century poetesses. How many of them got in? "About three."

Were the previous editors male chauvinists? "They were just men of their time," Nicholls says. "Certainly, when I first joined the *DNB* in 1977 it was striking how few women there were in each volume. But many of those in *Missing Persons*, such as the suffragettes and Mrs Beeton, only achieved fame posthumously. And you can't positively discriminate, it's falsifying history. Even now, women don't present themselves in large numbers for inclusion." As the *DNB* only registers high-achievers once they are dead, recent advances towards equality in the professions will not show up until well into the next century.

Nicholls's favourite entry in *Missing Persons* records the eccentric Lady Dorothy Nevill (1826-1913), whose Sussex estate boasted an "aerial orchestra" consisting of pigeons with Chinese whistles attached to their tails. In the "most pleased to include" category, she singles out Wilfred Owen, whose poetry was little known when the 1912-21 supplement appeared. And the omission from the 1961-70 volume of Guy Burgess, now duly commemorated, has always irked her.

Many borderline decisions involved British natives who emigrated, or foreigners who spent a significant part of their working lives in this country. Geradrus Mercator, the mathematician, Guglielmo Marconi, the electrical engineer, the composer J.C. Bach and the poet Sylvia Plath all benefit. The late Rudolf Nureyev, Nicholls thinks, "will probably get in, because the partnership with Fonteyn was so important". The British-born Bob Hope? "No." Cary Grant? "That's a tricky one."

The *DNB* destroyed the health of Leslie Stephen, who stepped down in 1891 after reaching the letter P. His daughter Virginia Woolf, born in the same year as the *DNB*, blamed her mental instability on being "crushed in the womb" by it.

Although not prone to Stephen's "fits of the horrors", the *DNB*'s current editor scarcely leads an untroubled life. Besides the problems posed by marshalling 700 contributors there can be "pressure from the families of entrants to leave something out that might be damaging". Does she ever accede? "Never. It's a book of record, not a panegyric."

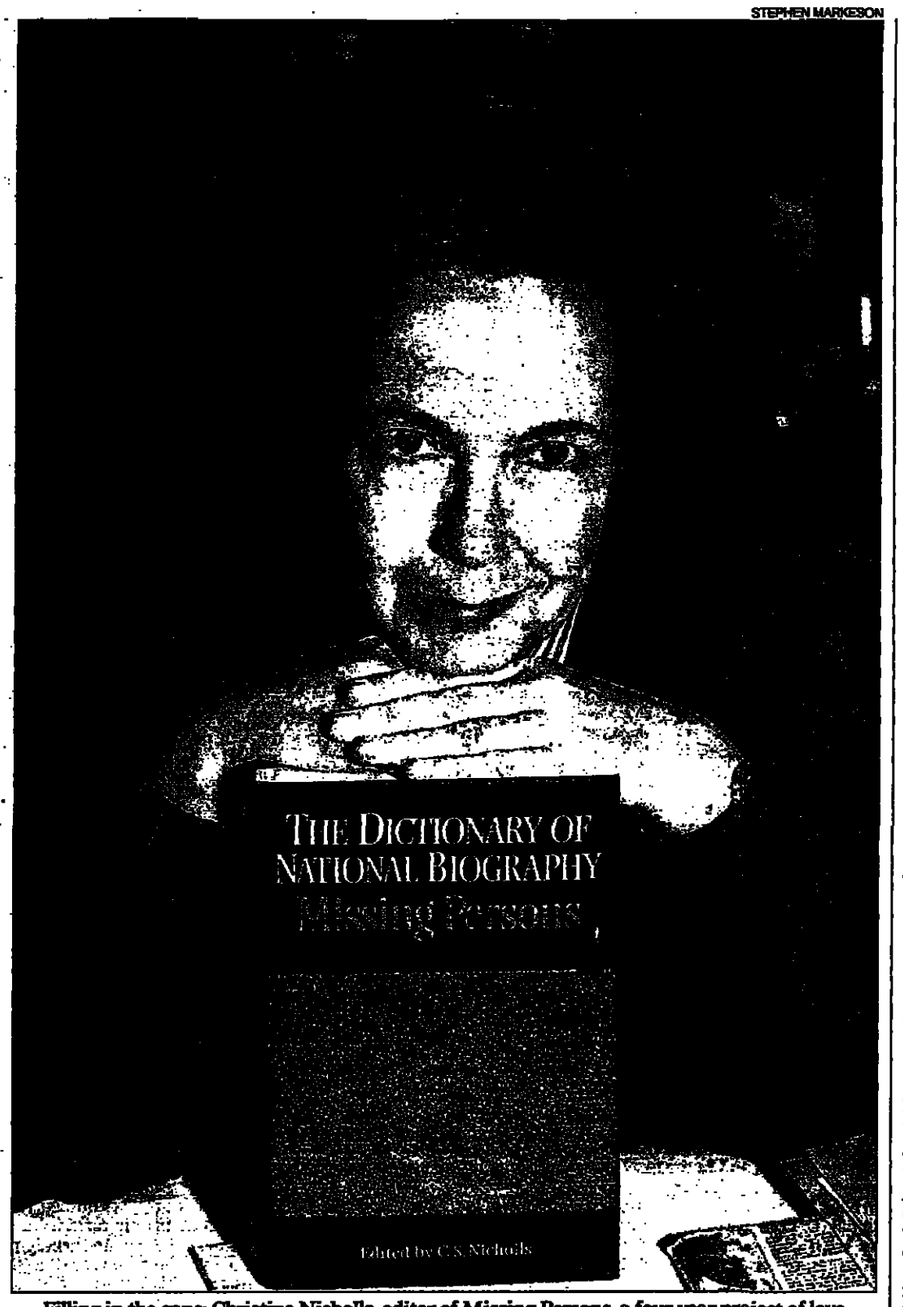
Relatives of the actor Dennis Price, angered by references to his homosexuality, protested in the press after seeing a proof copy of *Missing Persons*. The disputed entry epitomises the extent to which the *DNB* has responded to the recent revolution in biography: contributors are now specifically asked to comment on "sexuality" and "relations with spouse", to state cause of death if of "significant interest", and to avoid "the evasiveness of an obituary article". Not that modern newspaper obituaries are all that evasive in this respect.

The same shift in attitudes plus, of course, altered academic perspectives, underpins plans for a complete revision of the *DNB*. "Historical scholarship has changed so much that a lot of the articles look old-fashioned now," Nicholls says. The daunting task has been entrusted to the historian Colin Matthew, with publication scheduled for 2004. He intends to increase the number of entrants from the present 36,000 to 50,000. The new *DNB* may contain photographs and even be compiled on computer.

The unabashedly pre-electronic Nicholls, meanwhile, has already returned to organising the remorseless onward march of the five-year supplements. "Once I'd handed in *Missing Persons*, I started work on 1986-90 the following week."

● The Dictionary of National Biography: Missing Persons, *edited by C.S. Nicholls, is published by Oxford University Press on Thursday (£65 — £80 after March 31).*

STEPHEN MARKESON



Filling in the gaps: Christine Nicholls, editor of Missing Persons, a four-year project of love

TELEVISION REVIEW

Loved for his mind

Anecdotes cluster so thickly around some famous people as to hide what made them famous in the first place. Richard Feynmann, the subject of last night's **Horizon** on BBC 2, was a physicist who won a Nobel Prize in 1955 for a discovery that seemed to his contemporaries almost magical.

He devised a set of simple-seeming diagrams that could be used as a short cut to explaining the behaviour of fundamental particles. Instead of crawling inch by inch through a minefield of equations and laborious calculations, Feynmann cleared them at a single bound, a feat that was bound to raise suspicions in less agile minds.

J. Robert Oppenheimer, no slouch himself, found Feynmann's approach so incomprehensible that to begin with he simply didn't believe it. It took two months of persuasion before he finally acknowledged the achievement.

What made Feynmann really famous, however, was something altogether more modest: a small paperback called *Surely You're Joking, Mr Feynmann*, which collected together the stories of his unconventional life in science.

At Los Alamos, during the making of the nuclear bomb, Feynmann discovered how to break into secret filing cabinets, for fun. He played the bongo drums, taught himself how to keep track of time in his head, and studied drawing until he became pretty good at that, too. For a genius, he came across as an absolutely regular guy.

Feynmann, who died in 1988, was recently the subject of a fat biography by James Gleick, and *Horizon* has lost no time in dusting off some old film of him, fleshed out with new interviews, to present its own version.

What emerged was a charming man who cultivated a child-like naivety towards nature. "Half genius and half buffoon" was the judgment made of him by Freeman Dyson, a collaborator in Feynmann's best work. Mark Kac, a mathematician, also called him a genius, but of a special sort. There are ordinary geniuses, Kac said, "the fellows that you and I would be just as good as, if we were only many times better. It is different with the magicians."

Most touching was Feynmann's bewilderment with the charge that science is the enemy of beauty, because it removes the mystery from things. He insisted that he could appreciate the beauty of a flower as well as anybody, but that he could also see its inner beauty, and enjoy all the interesting questions its structure and function raised. Such knowledge "only adds to the beauty," he said. "I don't understand how it subtracts."

Feynmann had an equivocal attitude towards honours. In last night's film he claimed to despise them, and he did actually resign from the US National Academy of Sciences after convincing himself that its principal purpose was to create a self-regarding elite. But, as a colleague remarked, he seemed cheerful enough accepting the Nobel Prize, which gave him the credentials to continue behaving in his eccentric, iconoclastic way.

Shy as a young man, Feynmann taught himself to pick up women as an intellectual exercise, and became adept at it. Murray Gell-Mann, a colleague at California Institute of Technology, complained that Feynmann would have achieved more in physics if he had spent less time in topless bars, but the criticism was misdirected. Feynmann never wasted time; in the bars he was to be found scribbling equations on the napkins.

Such spirits are rare in any field, but especially in science. Feynmann's genius and his geniality made him unique. *Horizon* provided an enjoyable celebration of his life, without too much of the difficult stuff. A second part follows next week.

NIGEL HAWKES

ROCK: Ireland's antidote to pretension, the Saw Doctors, embark on another invasion of Britain tonight. **David Sinclair** met them

The Doctors will seize you now

There is a special place in rock 'n' roll mythology reserved for that rare phenomenon, the people's band. The Grateful Dead, the Faces, Status Quo and Bruce Springsteen during his years as leader of the E Street Band are examples which define the breed: performers who have established a special relationship with their audience irrespective of marketing budgets and media approval, and for whom the dictates of fashion are broadly meaningless.

The Saw Doctors are the latest in this strangely noble line. They are not loud or angry, or vigorously uncompromising. They have no image, message or "attitude", and, given their origins in the rural wilds of Tuam, County Galway, street credibility is not even on the cards.

There are no charismatic individuals in the band. In concert they all pull together in an enthusiastic but nondescript fashion and the line-up seems to vary between four to seven musicians, depending on who is fit and available at the time.

Yet in Ireland, where the critical establishment has greeted their uniquely emerald brand of post-punk country-rock with sniffy talk of "designer bogmen", they are adored in a way that even U2 would envy. It is not just that their singles and albums have topped the charts or that their biggest live show there last summer attracted a crowd of 50,000 devoted fans. They are loved for their lack of pretension, their catchy choruses and for a repertoire of songs which give universal expression to specific aspects of Irish culture.

MICHAEL POWELL



"We had happy childhoods and ordinary experiences": the Saw Doctors' Leo Moran and Davy Carton

In the way that Lou Reed or Paul Simon can paint a picture of life in New York that often has a vivid resonance regardless of where in the world it is heard, so the Saw Doctors draw their inspiration, both lyrically and musically, from a parochial Irish background, and then use it to create the kind of songs that will strike a chord anywhere that people have ears, but especially wherever a jar of beer is likely to be consumed.

They are also a lot of fun, and their resiliently good-natured, "show must go on" attitude clearly has its roots in the Irish showband tradition. Singer and guitarist Davy Carton accepts that for some critics this unpretentious levity may be the final straw. "We do a bit of theatre, and running gags and all that kind of stuff, which is very unacceptable in some rock 'n' roll circles," Carton says. "But that's part of our act."

As well as mounting a mild defence of the showbands — "regressive, but they had their qualities" — guitarist and vocalist Leo Moran points out that the Saw Doctors are also a product of their entirely ordinary upbringings.

"We weren't 16 and prostituting ourselves on the streets of Soho," he says. "We had happy childhoods and ordinary experiences which most people have, so you shouldn't expect us to write songs about other people's experiences."

"I don't feel that it's my job to try and influence anyone about their religion or their politics or anything like that" Carton adds. "I find it hard enough to make up my own mind, let alone tell other people what to do."

Moran was a factory worker and Carton a teacher of French when they started the Saw Doctors in 1987, together with Pierce Doherty (bass/vocals), John Donnelly (drums/vocals) and John "Turps" Burke (mandolin/vocals, but currently unable to play with the group because of a back injury). They were seen performing in a Galway pub by Mike Scott of the Waterboys, who produced their debut single "N17" and invited them to tour Britain with his band in 1989.

"It was completely off the cuff," Moran says. "I walked out of the door on February 15, and didn't even take my coat. We picked up this little camper van and lived in that, six of us, for six weeks." Later that year their second single "I Useta Love Her" topped the charts in Ireland. Their independently produced debut album, *If This Is Rock And Roll, I Want My Old Job Back*, has since shifted in excess of 100,000 copies.

Half of those have been sold in Britain and the prospect of a popular breakthrough for the band looms larger with each successive, sold-out tour.

Their second album, *All The Way From Tuam*, has already registered in the British Top 40, and they have survived the rigours of the Glastonbury Festival and the surreal experience of playing to 120,000 people who did not know them from Adam when they supported Genesis at their Knebworth gig last August.

Moran, 28, and Carton, 33, are delighted that away from the band they can still blend into any crowd, even if their record company was initially less than thrilled about the lack of an image. "They were seriously worried for a while about how untrendy we look, but they don't want to tamper with us," Carton says.

"They don't know, and nor do we, what makes it so successful," Moran adds. "All the best things that happen on stage happen by mistake."

● *The Saw Doctors tour begins tonight at Queens Hall, Edinburgh (031 668 2019) and ends with shows at the Town & Country, London NW5 (071-284 0303) on February 16 and National, London NW6 (071-328 3141) on February 17. A new single,* Wake Up Sleeping, *is released by Solid next Monday.*

DANCE REVIEWS: Tyro choreographers have a rough ride at The Place; and experience tells in new works in Nottingham

Do-it-yourself irresolution

The Royal Ballet tries out novice choreographers by flinging them on to the vast Royal Opera House stage; John Ashford at The Place, in London, does it in a more sensible way. He organises **Resolution!**, an annual season open to anyone wanting to produce themselves at his theatre. It also lets audiences know that they take pot luck.

This year's *Resolution!* has been presenting European choreographers from the *Bancs d'Essai* (Test Bench) scheme whereby several countries reciprocally give selected tyros an international showing. Nadine Ganase, from Belgium, performed in Anne Teresa de Keersmaeker's company for a long time; the influence is clear in her wedge of women who move with unison spins and skips and occasional stamps. *Lover Man* brings together Ganase and two other excellent women, a man (actor Dirk Opstaele, who speaks the English text) and a sofa in a story about belonging, togetherness and an angel.

Completing the programme, both Ellen van Schuylenburch's *Tee Aye Er Three* and Mark Baldwin's *The Three Strangers* suffered from an uncertainty of tone. Van Schuylenburch, always admired as a dancer, created a solo for herself that played on her known quality of beauty of shape. She composed herself into lines and angles that came across as static and very earnest, but then undercut the effect with a final section that lurched disconcertingly into mockery, ending with her draped like an odalisque around a neon exit sign.

Baldwin, formerly with Rambert Dance Company, also leant increasingly towards self-parody, which effectively sabotaged what had seemed to be serious and made you wonder whether it had been intended as humour instead.

Two video screens transmitted random images: a tape hissed and crackled annoyingly in a deliberate replica of various kinds of interference; Baldwin and two female companions danced in intelligently organised sequences. It all bore the clear imprint of Cunningham, while somehow missing its target.

NADINE MEISNER

Spirit of the aging

Judging by the audience response to NDT3's British debut at the Nottingham Playhouse on Saturday, this combination of top rank mature dancers and new works by leading choreographers is a winner. These dancers, in their forties or even fifties, still move a lot more boldly, a lot more expressively — in fact a lot *more* — than many of our young dance companies.

Niklas Ek, for example, jauntily travelling through life in *Journey* (choreography by his brother Mats, music by Steve Reich), at the end of his third role of the evening still finds the energy for a last, long solo. Ohad Naharin's *Off White* has him and Sabine Kupferberg bouncing, rolling, falling over each other and a big trampoline-like bed; the movement is both startling and hilarious, besides providing a wonderfully vivid metaphor for an emotional relationship. An arrangement by Schoenberg of the younger Johann Strauss's "Roses from the South" makes a surprisingly apt accompaniment.

Kupferberg and Martine van Hamel are the dancers in Jiri Kylian's *No Sleep Till Dawn of Day*, lonely and isolated figures on an island of mysterious disquiet, searching anxiously for rest to the sound of a lullaby recorded on Savo, a small volcanic rock remote in the South Seas. A row of chairs is ingeniously employed to provide an environment for their self-exploration; moving along it, the two dancers maintain their separate, independent halves even when their movements coincide in this mysterious and strangely moving piece.

In Maguy Marin's witty *Made in France*, Gérard Lemaitre's gestures and facial expressions provide a commentary on the duet with which Ek tries to win over Van Hamel by growling descriptions of gastronomic delights in strangulated Swedish-accented French while also manipulating her physically through a complex duet.

Scenery is minimal but ingenious and imaginative, reinforced by evocative lighting. Further performances are in Newcastle, Leicester and London: try not to miss this marvellous group.

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West Indies suffer another attack of panic against spin as the fourth Test swings towards Australia

May's spell puts series in Australia's grasp

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN ADELAIDE

ON THE eve of this fourth Test match, Richie Richardson dismissed the notion that his West Indies side cannot play spin as "a myth". He may care to reconsider now that Tim May has become the latest of many slow bowlers — the great, the good and the merely ordinary — to profit outrageously from the myth.

It all happened in 50 minutes last evening. May took five wickets for five runs, undermining a two-day comeback by West Indies and leaving Australia needing only 186, in two clear days, for the match and the series.

The May story could hardly be better scripted. For a start, he is 31 today, Australia Day. He had not played a Test match for four years and the timing of his recall was based as much on his knowledge of his hometown pitch as any recent weight of wickets from his off spin. As a selectorial hunch, it was a master-stroke. He had bowled well in the first innings for his two wickets; now, with the generous assistance of familiar Caribbean confusion, he cashed in.

The name of May, now a certainty to tour England this summer, can be added to the likes of Abdul Qadir, Narendra Hirwani, Allan Border, Phil Tufnell and, only last month, Shane Warne, slow bowlers who have joyously discovered that the modern West Indian batsman has little technique, and absolutely no temperament, to counter the turning ball.

Coming from any other Test team, this would have been an astonishing collapse. West Indies can no longer astonish us in such circumstances. Ironically, nobody can have been berating himself more severely last night than Allan Border, for the Australian captain wasted an hour after tea, indulging a makeweight third seam bowler in Steve Waugh, before making the double change to spin.

The effect was immediate. Despite some rash strokes from the top order against Craig McDermott, who had bowled incalculably faster and more rhythmically than on Saturday, the West Indian lead was stretching towards 200 and Richardson was threatening to fill a void with the game's first memorable innings.

However, when Hooper swept May, in his second over, obligingly to deep backward square-leg, the silly season had resumed. Those who recall Tufnell's six wickets for four runs on a scalding hot Saturday at the Oval two summers ago, can picture the scene.

Richardson struck two leg-side sixes in an over from Warne before the last five wickets went down for nine runs. Four fell to May but the most important belonged to Warne, Richardson bamboozled by the leg break as he came down the pitch. He was good enough to edge it to Healy, who stumped him by two yards just to make sure.

The tailenders seemed not to know whether to thrust bat and pad at the ball or to slog wildly. There was nothing in between. May looked beside himself and, as a man who had doubtless considered his Test days done, who could blame him?

The fall of 17 wickets in a day usually casts dark aspersions on the pitch but this one is blameless, the groundsman, Les Burdett, having successfully corrected a decade of batsman-friendly nonentities and produced a surface that favours the skilled in all departments.

There has been pace and life for the fast bowlers and turn for the spinners. But the bounce has been even and to complete three innings for barely 600 runs is, if anything, an indictment of the batting.

It was, however, far from serene yesterday morning as Ambrose dismissed Border, Healy and Mark Waugh in nine balls to leave Australia at 112 for six.

This was peerless fast bowling, his line constantly committing the stroke and his height gaining unnatural lift. Hughes offered an old-fashioned antidote with some agricultural blows, contributing 43 of a 69-run stand with Boon, who returned with an outsize armguard protecting Sunday's battle-scars. As the dust settled on an extraordinary day, that partnership was looking ever more significant.



Centre of admiration: team colleagues queue to congratulate May on a remarkable spell of slow bowling in the evening session

SCORECARD

WEST INDIES: First innings 252 (B C Lara 52, M G Hughes 5 for 64).

Second innings

D L Haynes c Healy b McDermott	11
P V Simmons b McDermott	10
*R B Richardson c Healy b Warne	72
B C Lara c S R Waugh b Hughes	7
K L T Arthurton c Healy b McDermott	0
C L Hooper c Hughes b May	25
†J R Murray c M E Waugh b May	0
I R Bishop c M E Waugh b May	8
C E L Ambrose st Healy b May	1
K C G Benjamin c Warne b May	0
C A Walsh not out	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 12)	14
Total	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-48, 3-63, 4-65, 5-124, 6-137, 7-145, 8-146, 9-146.

BOWLING: McDermott 11-0-66-3; Hughes 13-1-43-1; Waugh 5-1-8-0; May 6.5-3-9-5; Warne 6-2-18-1.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M A Taylor c Hooper b Bishop	1
D C Boon not out	39
J L Langer c Murray b Benjamin	20
M E Waugh c Simmons b Ambrose	0
S R Waugh c Murray b Ambrose	42
*A R Border c Hooper b Ambrose	19
†I A Healy c Hooper b Ambrose	0
M G Hughes c Murray b Hooper	43
S K Warne lbw b Hooper	0
T B A May c Murray b Ambrose	6
C J McDermott b Ambrose	14
Extras (b 7, lb 3, nb 19)	29
Total	213

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-16, 3-46, 4-108, 5-108, 6-112, 7-181, 8-181, 9-197.

BOWLING: Ambrose 28.2-6-74-6; Bishop 18-3-48-1; Benjamin 8-0-22-1; Walsh 10-3-34-0; Hooper 13-4-25-2.

De Castella to bow out in London

Rob de Castella, of Australia, a former world champion and the only man to complete four Olympic marathons, will run his last important race over the distance in London.

Approaching his 36th birthday, de Castella, who said recently that he would run just one more marathon and felt he had a big race left in him, is the first big name to sign for the men's section of the NutraSweet London Marathon on April 18.

☐ Steve Cram, the world mile record-holder, won a street mile in Miami in 3min 58.9sec.

Delacour retains lead in Monte

Motor rallying: François Delecour, of France, confirmed his lead in the Monte Carlo rally yesterday as wintry conditions set in for the first time. Massimo Biasion, of Italy, and Didier Auriol, of France, clipped a few seconds off Delecour's overnight lead, but he retained an advantage of 1 min 03sec.

Rally organisers are considering limiting future races to weekdays in an attempt to end repeated crowd troubles.

Demanding start

Squash: Paul Gregory, the former British open champion, will face Jansher Khan, the world No. 1, in the first round of the Canadian open championship in Calgary, after a 15-12, 15-9, 15-10 qualifying round victory over Mir Zaman Gul, of Pakistan.

☐ John Horry, the man who created the bridge between the old squash rackets game of English public school and private club, and the world sport that now boasts more than 15 million players in 122 countries, died yesterday at the age of 88.

Tomba probe

Skiing: The Italian winter sports federation said yesterday that it would probe a complaint against Alberto Tomba after the triple Olympic champion was embroiled in a dispute with a Swiss cable-car operator. Tomba is reported to have smashed a glass pane with his foot after an argument before the World Cup slalom event in Veysonnaz on Sunday.

Olympic reward

Gymnastics: Vitaly Scherbo, of Belarus, who won six gold medals at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, has been chosen the recipient of the 1993 Jesse Owens international trophy award. In becoming the first gymnast to win the award in its 13-year history, Scherbo beat two American athletics gold medal-winners, Kevin Young and Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

Male keeps crown

Rackets: Neil Smith, 29, the British professional, narrowly failed to win the world championship when he lost 4-1 to the defending champion, James Male, in the deciding leg at Queen's Club, London. Smith had led 4-2 after the opening leg in Philadelphia.

Wasim takes charge as Javed is replaced

Islamabad: Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, the formidable fast-bowling partnership who bowled Pakistan to victory in the Test series last summer, will take charge of Pakistan after Javed Miandad was dismissed as captain yesterday.

Wasim was appointed captain and Waqar vice-captain by the Pakistan board, starting next month with one-day tournaments in South Africa and Sharjah and then a Test series in the West Indies.

A board spokesman said: "The decision was taken in the greater interest of the country and the nation." He added that Wasim's nomination was also in line with a policy of "selecting a captain who could serve the nation for a longer period".

Wasim, who plays for Lancashire, is 26 and has played in 45 Test matches and taken 177 wickets. Waqar, who plays for Surrey, is 21 and passed 100 wickets in his twentieth Test when he and Wasim bowled Pakistan to a 33-run win over New Zealand at Hamilton.

Pakistan have, however, performed badly in one-day matches this winter and under Javed, 35, have a record of ill discipline. *(Reuter)*



Wasim: new captain

Malcolm returns in dramatic fashion

FROM PETER BALL IN CUTTACK

ENGLAND could do no more than draw with the Indian Under-25 XI yesterday but their fortunes took a distinct turn for the better.

After 48 hours in a darkened room, Devon Malcolm emerged to spread unease among the batsmen by taking three wickets in four balls, with genuinely fast bowling, while Michael Atherton got the time at the crease he needed.

Adding to the feeling of well being, the Indian airline pilots' strike ends today. It may have come too late to save the England party from a nine-hour train journey to Calcutta, where the first Test match starts on Friday, but it should ensure the rest of the trip is less fraught.

The brightest glow of satisfaction came from the performance of Malcolm. "I've felt terrible during the last two days and have spent the time just lying in my room with the curtains drawn and the lights off," he said. "I've had headaches, sickness and a temperature but I feel a lot better and I'm getting stronger by the minute.

"I did manage to get out on to the hotel tennis court for a bit of fresh air and it was a real boost just to get going again. It took some time to focus my eyes but, physically, I felt quite strong."

It showed. After waiting an hour for his chance, he came in like the wind to scatter the Indian tailenders in only his second over.

Perhaps even more significant than the wickets, on a lifeless pitch, was a ball in his first over that took off and went past Pandey's nose, forcing Stewart to save like a goalkeeper.

It was tempting to think, at that moment, he had hauled himself back into the England team. The next over ended any fears.

Pandey had no further interest in hanging around and edged him to third slip. Zaidi was trapped first ball and although Kuruvilla denied the hat-trick, the delay was only temporary as he was beaten by the next ball — one that would have accounted for most batsmen.

Four hours and an innings later, Malcolm returned to beat Jadeja for pace in a hostile opening over. "It's a great relief to be back again," he said. "I knew this was going to be a big match for me if I wanted to play in the Test."

Of that, there should now be no doubt. India's displays facing Allan Donald in South Africa indicated they are unhappy against pace and Malcolm is the most hostile bowler England have.

Who constitutes the spin attack is less clear cut. Tufnell is undercutting the ball, negating his spin, and was concerned enough to stay out in the middle for practice after stumps were drawn yesterday. Emburey stayed in the hotel with a stomach upset.

A process of elimination leaves Ian Salisbury, who made his case by ending Kuresia's stay soon after the elegant left-hander had reached an outstanding century, driving through the off side with a flourish.

Anyone pitching up the ball outside off stump to him was dismissed fairly peremptorily and Salisbury did not escape unscathed. But unlike the other spinners, he is turning the ball past the bat and looked like taking wickets.

If Malcolm's success was dramatic, Atherton's was initially understated, almost to the point of anonymity as he scored 33 in the two hours between lunch and tea. He set out to have a net and did so.

One front-foot shot, leaning into the ball to send it racing to the mid-off boundary with no effort, revealed his class. Once he had reached his fifty, in 152 minutes, he became a changed man as he drove and swept the spinners to set up a declaration.

The target was a purely notional — 282 in 27 overs — but it gave Malcolm another bowl and spoilt Jadeja's day.

SCORECARD

ENGLAND XI: First innings 408 for 4 dec (R A Smith 149 not out, G A Gooch 102).

Second innings

M A Atherton not out	80
G A Hick c Dighe b Zaidi	25
†A J Stewart c Dighe b Jadeja	21
M W Gatting not out	12
Extras (b 6, lb 1, nb 1)	8
Total (2 wkts dec)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-82.

*G A Gooch, R A Smith, C C Lewis, I D K Salisbury, J P Taylor, P C R Tufnell and D E Malcolm did not bat.

BOWLING: Zaidi 12-3-34-1; Kuruvilla 10-2-27-0; Gandhe 13-2-48-0; Jadeja 5-2-7-1; Bahutule 6-1-23-0.

INDIAN UNDER-25 XI: First Innings

*A Jadeja lbw b Lewis	48
A Kuresia c Gooch b Salisbury	103
J V Paranjpe lbw b Taylor	1
R S Dravid lbw b Lewis	15
R Puri retired hurt	13
†S S Dighe c Lewis b Salisbury	8
G K Pandey c Gooch b Malcolm	54
S V Bahutule b Salisbury	4
P V Gandhe not out	7
A W Zaidi lbw b Malcolm	0
A Kuruvilla b Malcolm	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 13)	20
Total	273

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-93, 2-74, 3-89, 4-98, 5-258, 6-262, 7-273, 8-273, 9-273.

BOWLING: Lewis 16-3-37-2; Taylor 22-4-72-1; Tufnell 15-4-66-0; Salisbury 15-2-77-3; Hick 6-1-22-0; Malcolm 2-1-3-3.

Second Innings

*A Jadeja b Malcolm	0
†S S Dighe not out	23
J V Paranjpe not out	23
Extras (w 1, nb 6)	7
Total (1 wkt)	53

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1.

A Kuruvilla, S Bahutule, R Puri, A W Zaidi, G Pandey, A Kuresia, P Gandhe, R Dravid did not bat.

BOWLING: Malcolm 7-0-25-1; Gatting 4-0-19-0; Tufnell 3-1-6-0; Salisbury 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: S K Bansal and A L Narasimhan.

AN FA Cup run often boosts a team's league results and Southend United, who have reached the fifth round, could reap the benefit against Peterborough United. Southend, third from bottom of the first division, deserved their point against the runaway leaders, Newcastle United, last Wednesday, and can finish all square again at Peterborough.

Barnsley caused one of the weekend's Cup upsets with their victory over West Ham United. One suspects that promotion challengers Portsmouth, their visitors on Saturday, will provide stiffer opposition. Barnsley are much improved, but Portsmouth are expected to add to their six away draws.

Cambridge United are another side with a high number (seven) of away draws. They must be fancied to make it eight in their relegation struggle against Birmingham City, who are only two points and one place above them.

It would be unwise to ignore the treble chance possibilites in the game between Solihull and Hednesford in the Beazer Homes League. In the Scottish second division, Montrose, 14 matches without a home-score draw, are tipped to end that against Arbroath.

Saturday January 30 unless stated

PREMIER LEAGUE
1 Coventry v Wimbledon
1 C Palace v Tottenham
1 Everton v Norwich
2 Ipswich v Man Utd
1 Leeds v Middlesbro
1 Notts F v Oldham
1 Sheff Utd v QPR
2 South'pton v A Villa
Not on coupons: Arsenal v Liverpool (Sunday); Chelsea v Sheff Wednesday; Man City v Blackburn

FIRST DIVISION
X Barnsley v Portsmouth
X Birmingham v Camb'ge
1 Brentford v Bristol R
1 Charlton v Notts Co
2 Oxford v Millwall
X Peterboro v Southend
2 Swindon v Wolves
1 Tranmere v Sunderland
Not on coupons: Bristol C v Luton, Leicester v West Ham; Newcastle v Derby (Sun); Watford v Grimsby

SECOND DIVISION
1 Bolton v Brighton
1 Bradford v Plymouth
X Burnley v Stockport
2 Chester v Hull
X Exeter v Blackpool
X Hartlepool v Rotherham
1 L Orient v Reading
2 Mansfield v Swansea
1 Port Vale v Bourn'm'th
X Preston v Fulham
1 West Brom v Huddr'field
2 Wigan v Stoke

THIRD DIVISION
1 Cardiff v Walsall
1 Chest'field v North'pton
1 Crewe v Scarborough
1 Hereford v Darlington
X Rochdale v Wrexham
2 York v Lincoln
Not on coupons: Colchester v Barnet (Friday); Doncaster v Shrewsbury (Friday); Scunthorpe v Halifax

BEAZER HOMES LGE
PREMIER DIVISION
1 Dorchester v Atherstone
X Solihull v Hednesford
1 Welsall'ville v Weymouth

DIADORA LEAGUE
PREMIER DIVISION
2 Bognor v Hendon
1 Hayes v Bromley
1 Staines v Wokingham

SCOTTISH PREMIER
2 Airdrie v Dundee
1 Celtic v Motherwell
X Dundee Utd v Hearts
2 Falkirk v Aberdeen
2 Hibernian v Rangers
1 St Johnstone v Partick

SCOTTISH FIRST
2 Clydebank v Ayr
1 Dunf'mline v Hamilton
1 Kilmarnock v Raith
X Meadowb'k v Morton
1 St Mirren v Dumbarton

SCOTTISH SECOND
1 Albion v E Stirling
2 Berwick v East Fife
1 Brechin v Alloa
X Montrose v Arbroath
1 Q of Sth v Queen's Pk
X Stenh'muir v Clyde
1 Stranraer v Forfar

TRIBLE CHANCE (home teams): Barnsley, Birmingham, Peterborough, Burnley, Exeter, Hartlepool, Preston, Solihull, Dundee United, Meadowbank, Montrose, Stenhousemuir.

BEST DRAWS: Barnsley, Birmingham, Peterborough, Solihull, Montrose.

AWAYS: Manchester United, Millwall, Hull, Stoke, Hendon.

HOMES: Leeds, Charlton, Tranmere, Bolton, Bradford, West Bromwich, Chesterfield, Waterlooville, Staines, Kilmarnock, St Mirren, Queen of the South.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Charlton, West Bromwich, Chesterfield, Staines, St Mirren. Aways: Manchester United, Hendon, Aberdeen. Draws: Barnsley, Birmingham, Peterborough.

☐ Vince Wright

ATHLETICS

MIAMI, Florida: Mile race: Men: 1, S Cram (GB), 3min 58.9sec; 2, M Michna (US), 3:59.2; 3, F Cacho (Sp), 3:59.5. Women: 1, A Hill (US), 4:34.9; 2, R Jacobs (US), 4:39.9; 3, P Schnurr (Can), 4:41.3.

HOUSTON, Texas: Marathon: Men: 1, F Bjorkl (Nor), 2hr 13min 21sec; 2, S Wede (NZ), 2:16.09; 3, M Plastijas (SA), 2:16.51. Women: 1, K Johnston (US), 2:29.05; 2, A Gallamova (Russ), 2:31.15; 3, K Szabo (Hun), 2:32.37. Irish placing: 8, R Bonney, 2:41.30.

BADMINTON

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Lancashire 8, Scottish Midland 7; Worcestershire 7, Lothian 6; Lancashire 10, Lothian 5; Worcestershire 6, Scottish Midland 10; Surrey 12, Hampshire 3. Second division: Nottinghamshire 4, Cheshire 11; Yorkshire 12, Derbyshire 3; Buckinghamshire 11, Kent 4; Essex 3, Sussex 12; Buckinghamshire 5, Devon 10.

BOWLS

SWANSEA: Welsh indoor squad trial: Blues 74, Yellows 66. Rink scores (Blues skips first): L Webley 20, G Jones 12; D Wilkins 17, J Price 21; S Wilshaw 13, R Weale 17; M Jenkins 24, M Bishop 16.

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Faridabad: Rest of India 411-4 dec and 128-2; England Under-19 XI 313 (A Payne 49 not out, R Jones 46, R Rollins 46, R Cunliffe 42). Match drawn.

CYCLING

ANTWERP, Belgium: Six-day race (after three days): 1, U Preuler (Switz) and P Pieters (Holl), 216pts; 2, E De Wilde (Bel) and K Khrabzov (Russ), 205; 3, P Bincoletto and G Bontempi (It), 190; 4, one lap behind, A Doyle (GB) and R Sorensen (Den), 97; 5, W Stutz (Switz) and J Bruynsel (Bel), 93.

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Burnley v West Bromwich.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division: Postponed: Cardiff v Plymouth.

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: São Paulo: Group A: Corinthians 0, Bragantino 1; Mogi Mirim 0, Rio Branco 0; Noroeste 1, Marilia 0; Ponte Preta 1, Guaran 2; Santos 4, Portuguesa 2; XV de Jeu 1, Ferroviaria 1. Group B: Araçatuba 0, Botafogo/Ribeirão Preto 1;. Novorizontino 4, Santo André 0;. Olimpia 1, São José 1; Sãocerlense 0, Catanduvense 0; São Caetano 1, Internacional/Limeira 1.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Men: Guildford Kings 97 (Miller 22, Duncan 19), Proton Manchester Giants 84 (Lloyd 23, Lavery 17); Sunderland Saints 100 (A Hopper 33, Puzic 21), Derby Bucks 80 (Mitchell 25, Samuels 18).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): San Antonio Spurs 103, Chicago Bulls 88; Los Angeles Lakers 112, Washington Bullets 110 (OT); Portland Trail Blazers 124, Utah Jazz 113; Miami Heat 122, Dallas Mavericks 108; New Jersey Nets 100, Houston Rockets 83; Indiana Pacers 112, Charlotte Hornets 105; Los Angeles Clippers 118, Seattle SuperSonics 95.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Knicks	24	14	.632	—
New Jersey Nets	23	17	.575	2
Boston Celtics	21	19	.525	4
Orlando Magic	17	17	.500	5
Philadelphia 76ers	16	21	.432	7½
Miami Heat	12	25	.324	11½
Washington Bullets	11	27	.289	13

Central division

Chicago Bulls	27	13	.675	—
Cleveland Cavaliers	24	16	.600	3
Charlotte Hornets	18	19	.486	7
Indiana Pacers	19	21	.475	8
Atlanta Hawks	18	20	.474	8
Detroit Pistons	17	21	.447	9
Milwaukee Bucks	15	23	.395	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

Utah Jazz	25	13	.658	—
San Antonio Spurs	24	13	.649	½
Houston Rockets	22	17	.564	3½
Denver Nuggets	12	26	.324	13
Minnesota Timberwolves	7	27	.206	16½
Dallas Mavericks	3	33	.083	21

Pacific division

Phoenix Suns	27	8	.771	—
Seattle SuperSonics	27	11	.711	1½
Portland Trail Blazers	27	11	.711	1½
Los Angeles Lakers	20	18	.526	8½
Los Angeles Clippers	20	19	.513	9
Golden State Warriors	19	20	.487	10
Sacramento Kings	15	22	.405	13

GOLF

JOHANNESBURG: Men's tournament: Final scores (South Africa unless stated): 278: R Goosen, 70, 71, 69, 69. 284: N Price (Zim), 73, 68, 71, 72. 286: C Davison, 69, 71, 73, 73; V Singh (Fiji), 71, 73, 68, 74. 288: J Hobday (GB), 72, 74, 74, 68; A Bossert (Switz), 73, 71, 74, 70; O Drawdy (US), 75, 72, 69, 72; T Tolles (US), 72, 71, 72, 73; A Roestoff, 74, 69, 69, 77. 289: T Stankowski (US), 72, 75, 75, 67; A Pitts (US), 74, 73, 74, 68; A Cruse, 74, 71, 73, 71; P Hatchett (US), 71, 74, 72, 72.

TUCSON, Arizona: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 271: L Mize, 66, 66, 70, 67. 273: J Maggert, 70, 66, 70, 67. 274: R Freeman, 71, 68, 69, 66; J Gallagher, 75, 66, 67, 66; M Allen, 68, 70, 68, 68; D Hart, 66, 66, 69, 73. 275: B Andrade, 63, 73, 69, 70. 276: C Parry (Aus), 67, 72, 72, 65; R Gamez, 69, 67, 72, 68; R Mattole, 70, 68, 70, 68; L Clements, 69, 67, 70, 70; P Mickelson, 67, 69, 75. SONY WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1, N Faldo (GB), 23.54pts avge; 2, F Couples, 16.16; 3, I Woosnam (GB), 13.14; 4, J M Olazabal (Sp), 12.57; 5, B Langer (Ger), 12.77; 6, G Norman (Aus), 12.65; 7, D Love, 11.90; 8, N Price, (Zim), 11.72; 9, P Azinger, 11.46; 10, J Cook, 11.16. Other British placing: 19 C Montgomerie (GB), 7.48.

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Women: Leominster A 3, Kidderminster 3; Winchmore Hill 1, Crimson Ramblers 3.

ENGLISH WOMEN'S INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP: West Schools (at Whitchurch): 1, Gordano, 15pts; 2, Taunton School, 10; 3, Penistone 7.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bradford GS 1, Pangbourne 0; Cranleigh 1, KCS Wimbledon 0; Dauntsey's 0, Bristol GS 0; Felsted 2, Framlingham 0; Ipswich 0, Gresham's 2; King's, Bruton 2, Canford 1; King's, Rochester 2, Skinners 2; Kingston GS 4, Epsom 2; Lancing 0, Eastbourne 2; Radley 1, Marlborough 3; Rendcomb 2, Cotton's 2; St George's, Weybridge 1, Whitgift 1; Shiplake 1, Merchant Taylors', Northwood 2; Sir Roger Manwood's 4, Sutton Valence 2; The Leys 2, Mill Hill 0; Trinity, Croydon 9, Read's 2; Woodbridge 4, Culford 1.

MOTOR RALLYING

MONTE CARLO RALLY: Overall (after 16 timed special stages): 1, F Delecour (Fr), Ford Escort Cosworth, 4hr 18min 54sec (plus penalties); 2, M Biasion (It), Ford Escort Cosworth, at 1min 11sec; 3, D Auriol (Fr), Toyota Celica, at 1:34; 4, J Kankkunen (Fin), Toyota Celica, at 5:07; 5, K Eriksson (Swe), Mitsubishi, at 10:27; 6, A Schwarz (Ger), Mitsubishi Lancer, at 19:54.

REAL TENNIS

FIELD TROPHY: Semi-finals: Petworth House 3, Moreton Morrell 2 (Petworth names first): N Pendrigh bt T Granville, 6-4, 6-5; M Drysdale bt P Shaw-Hamilton, 6-5, 6-4; P Paterson lost to Lord Willoughby de Broke, 6-5, 2-6, 4-6; D Brazier and D Field lost to A Hamilton-and G Dunnett, 3-6, 6-5, 1-6; C Fuente and M Feibenis bt A Pick and S Jones 6-5, 6-5. Seacourt 3, MCC 2 (Seacourt names first): I Snell lost to H Angus, 6-0, 5-6, 2-6; N Danby lost to J Ward, 3-6, 6-5, 5-6; P Weaver bt W Boone, 6-4, 6-4; A Fine and M Blackie bt M McMurrugh and A Bisson, 5-6, 6-3, 6-5; J Dawes and A Bloxsie bt L Wheatley and J English, 6-4, 6-0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Chicago Blackhawks 6, Vancouver Canucks 2; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Hartford Whalers 4 (OT); Minnesota North Stars 2, Tampa Bay Lightning 2 (OT).

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division

	W	L	D	Pts
Pittsburgh Penguins	32	13	4	68
Washington Capitals	28	19	4	64
New Jersey Devils	24	20	9	57
New York Rangers	22	19	7	51
New York Islanders	21	22	5	47
Philadelphia Flyers	18	22	7	43

Adams division

Montreal Canadiens	29	17	5	63
Quebec Nordiques	27	16	6	60
Boston Bruins	27	18	3	57
Buffalo Sabres	23	19	8	52
Hartford Whalers	13	32	4	30
Ottawa Senators	4	44	3	11

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division

Chicago Blackhawks	30	17	8	68
Detroit Red Wings	27	20	4	58
Minnesota North Stars	24	17	8	56
Toronto Maple Leafs	23	19	7	56
St Louis Blues	20	23	6	46
Tampa Bay Lightning	16	32	3	35

Smythe division

Vancouver Canucks	29	14	6	64
Calgary Flames	25	18	6	56
Winnipeg Jets	24	20	5	53
Los Angeles Kings	23	20	5	51
Edmonton Oilers	17	27	7	41
San Jose Sharks	9	41	2	14

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Broxbourne 9, Coopers 26; Campion 11, Eltham 6; Glenalmond 24, Heriot's 10; Hampton 28, Gunnersbury 18; John Fisher 25, Reigate 20; King Edward's, Camp Hill 12, Adams GS 3; King's, Macclesfield 28, King Edward VII, Lytham 3; Leeds GS 20, Manchester GS 10; Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield 15, Cowley HS 5; St Benedict's 0, Latymer Upper 5; Tiffin 28, RGS High Wycombe 27. Daily Mail Under-15 Cup: Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield 32, Stonyhurst 17. Welsh national league: Christ's, Brecon 24, Gowerton 18; Llandovery 7, Neath 10. Other matches postponed.

SNOOKER

NEWPORT, Gwent: Regal Welsh Open: Fourth round: S Hendry (Scot) bt T Jones (Eng), 5-4; A Robidoux (Can) bt S Francisco (SA), 5-1; J Parrott (Eng) bt S Lawmens (Bel), 5-2; T Knowles (Eng) bt S MacFarlane (Scot), 5-3.

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Women: Third round: Tennis World Middlesborough 2, Heaton Bradford 1; Melton Mowbray 1, IFG Hallamshire Sheffield 2; Connaught Club 3, Batchwood St Albans 0; Welwyn Spin 1, Puma Welwyn 2; Clearview Brentwood 3, Walton Indoor 0; BBC 0, Ealing 3; Queen's Club 0, David Lloyd Finchley 3; Chris Lane Woking 2, David Lloyd Eastbourne 1; Surrey Country Club 3, Maidstone Fitness 0.

TABLE TENNIS

SAGA, Japan: Men's world all-stars circuit: Semi-finals: J-O Waldner (Swe) bt Chen Xinhua (Eng), 21-13, 21-11; J Rosskopf (Ger) bt J Persson (Swe), 21-12, 21-11. Final: Waldner bt Rosskopf, 21-15, 21-17, 19-21, 21-9.

YACHTING

GLOBE CHALLENGE SOLO ROUNDTHE-WORLD RACE: Leading positions (with distance to finish). 1, Bagages Superior (A Gautier, Fr), 10,125 miles; 2, Fleury Michon (P Poupon, Fr), 10,932; 3, Sotap Helvin (J-L Van den Heede, Fr), 11,229; 4, Groupe LG (B de Broc, Fr), 11,340; 5, K & H Bank Mezav (N Fa, Hun), 11,937.

KEY WEST, Florida: Champagne Mumm World Cup: First Leg: 1, United States, 101pts; 2, Canada, 89; 3, Germany, 88. Individual: 1, Rush, Farr 39 (T Stark, US); 2, High 5, Farr 40 (T Hansen, Ger); 3, Numbers, Taylor 42 (D Archibald, Can).

Answers from page 44

SWIDDEN

(c) An area of land that has been cleared for cultivation by slashing and burning the vegetation cover, northern dialect and Yorkshire place-name: "Swidden, any place on the moor from which the ling and other herbage has been burnt away, and which still shows signs of burning."

PAC

(b) A mocassin, from the Lenape (Delaware) Indian origin: "Pac or pach, a mocassin having a sole turned up and sewed to the upper. Though now made of leather of various kinds, the pac, as hide boiled in tallow and wax: or of *tawed* hide subsequently stuffed with tallow or wax."

BACULUM

(b) The penis-bone, from the Latin *baculum* a staff or stick: "A baculum is a heterotopic bone, which is the skeleton of the penis, found in all insectivores, bats, rodents, and carnivores, and in all primates except man."

KERMESSE

(b) A circuit race in bicycling, from the Dutch *kermis*, originally the mass or service on the anniversary of the dedication of a church, hence a yearly fair or festival: "*Kermesse* is a Continental term which British cycling uses to describe a circuit race. It originates from Belgium and is the Flemish for the carnival which usually includes such a race."

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Gaselee presents his case against 'Aintree factor'

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

NICK Gaselee, the trainer of last season's Grand National winner Party Politics, yesterday urged the official handicapper to ignore the "Aintree factor" when he announces the weights next week for this year's race.

Christopher Mordaunt is not obliged to adhere rigidly to official ratings when forming the National handicap. He normally allocates extra weight to horses who have won or run well in previous runnings of the race due to their proven ability to handle the course and its fences.

Gaselee believes the modification of Aintree's legendary fences no longer merits such a penalty. "I don't think there should be an Aintree factor. They have modified the fences, quite rightly, and far more horses get round there now.

"Horses ought to be allowed to run off their proper mark and should not be penalised just because they have run well at Aintree in the past," he said. "You might as well give horses that have won five times at Plumpton a 10lb penalty. It doesn't make sense.

"When Party Politics won last year carrying 10st 7lb he was off a mark of 145. He subsequently went up to 152, which is correct. He's in the National but I don't expect him to have to race off a mark off 158."

Party Politics, who has suffered from a series of breathing problems, has not run since the Hennessy Gold Cup in November, mainly due to the absence of good ground.

However, he is entered to run in Saturday's Timeform Hall of Fame Chase at Cheltenham, where Another Coral is a definite starter. David Nicholson's improving ten-year-old will be racing beyond three miles for the first time. If he stays the trip, the Cheltenham Gold Cup is the intended target.

John McConnochie is already looking ahead to next year's National after Diamond Fort jumped beautifully to win the Felcourt Handicap Chase at Lingfield yesterday.

"He's a winning pointer and hunter chaser and he knows his job when it comes to jumping. He has always looked the part and we are hoping he will make up into a National horse next year."

Kovalevskia will be offered for auction as a broodmare at the Doncaster sales on Thursday after landing a gamble from 5-1 to 7-2 in the seller.

The victory helped to put a smile back on the face of David Wilson, the Epsom trainer, who along with his jockey, Elaine Bronson, was fined £500 at the Surrey course on Saturday under the non-triers rule following the poor performance of Albert.

"I thought the fines were a bit harsh. It was an unfortunate incident and Elaine did not ride one of her best races. She's ridden thousands of good ones. Perhaps it is best forgotten about," he reflected.

Looking ahead to Saturday, Mighty Mogul, the Champion Hurdle favourite, is one of seven acceptors for the two mile five furlong Wyko Power Transmission Hurdle at Cheltenham. The race has also attracted his stable companion Baydon Star, Morley Street, Muse and Nomadic Way.

However, Morley Street is more likely to go for the Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday. The ground conditions are likely to be less testing, the two-mile trip more suitable and jockey Richard Dunwoody, also the rider of Mighty Mogul, will be available.

□ Adrian Maguire, out of action since being kicked in the ribs at Catterick on Friday, resumes at Nottingham today. The Irishman, who has 55 winners to his credit this season, gave up two rides at Lingfield yesterday for a precautionary x-ray, but has now been passed fit to ride.

NAP: CROFT MILL
(Nottingham, 3.30)
NEXT BEST: Stirrup Cup
(Nottingham, 2.30)

Pipe moves smoothly past fresh landmark

MARTIN Pipe recorded his seventh consecutive century of winners when newcomer As Du Trefle, the 6-4 on favourite, impressively landed the Croxton Park Novices' Hurdle at Leicester yesterday.

The champion trainer has gone on to reach 200 winners in each of the last four seasons, and another must be on the cards as he hit three figures only eleven days earlier last term.

"People say our horses have not been running very well but we have been having a few winners recently," said Chester Barnes, Pipe's assistant.

As Du Trefle, twice successful on the Flat in the French provinces, had only to be pushed out by Peter Scudamore to beat Virkon Venture 10 lengths and now faces a busy schedule.

"The boss will try to win as many as he can with him to see how good he is," said Barnes. "As Du Trefle has been with us quite a while but he wanted to make sure he was fit. Scu thought he was a natural the first time he schooled him and he jumped well here."

At the other end of the training scale, Goole-based Jim Dooler saddled his first jumping winner for three seasons with My Lindianne, the 25-1 winner of the Brook Conditional Jockeys Selling Handicap.

The former Wakefield Trinity and England Rugby League forward snapped up 50-1 about the six-year-old, who held off Eastern Pleasure by half a length.

PHIL SMITH



Century maker: As Du Trefle, ridden by Peter Scudamore, gives Martin Pipe his 100th winner of the season, easily beating Virkon Venture at Leicester yesterday

TABLE TENNIS

England take stand on glue

By Richard Eaton

ENGLAND'S women will be at a self-imposed disadvantage in their European league match against Holland at Grantham tonight as they try to encourage a stricter ruling over the banning of glues.

The England captains, Donald and Jill Parker, have been instructed that their players cannot use any of the glues that enable a ball to be struck faster, nor will they be allowed to use any glue to attach rubbers to bats during the match. The Dutch will play under different rules, those of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), which lists five glues as safe. This will allow the title-chasing visitors, who include Bettine Vriesekoop, the European champion, and Mirjam Hooman, the English Open champion, a further advantage.

"Our players accept it 100 per cent at the moment but hope the situation will change," Donald Parker said. Alan Ransome, chairman of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA), said: "We feel very strongly about the dangers to health and the council has taken its decision to try to influence the European and international bodies to take similar action."

Keith Powell, a Scottish chemist, illustrated the dangers of the ITTF's legal glues. Goggles, masks and gloves are used to handle the substances in industrial surroundings. All "fast" glues are now banned in England, and no glues can be used less than 48 hours before competing.

The ITTF is said to be happy with the English stance. England's players hope to be no longer at a disadvantage by the time of the world championships in Gothenburg in May.

The ITTF's possible steps include a ban on all but self-adhesive rubber or double-sided tape, and a ban on all fast glues with a greatly restricted list of those said to be safe.

THUNDERER
1.20 Robingo. 1.50 Capability Brown. 2.20 PASSED PAWN (nap). 2.50 Cherrykino. 3.20 Millrous. 3.50 Mecado.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 ON THE LINE.

GOING: SOFT, WITH HEAVY PATCHES SIS

1.20 GROUSE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,737: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 321 ROBINGO 25 (V,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 11-8 P Scudamore [top]
2 4 EXARCH 25 (B) (T Wong) M Beaton-Ellis 11-0 M A Fitzgerald 87
3 0 MANULIFE 24 (Mrs H Bennett) R Brotherton 11-0 J Duggan —
4 2030 THE TITAN GHOST 13 (Mrs J Costhup) S Costhup 11-0 D J Moffatt (5) 84
5 5344 DAILY SPORT GIRL 21 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 10-9 Mr J L Llewellyn (7) 92
6 0 DASHING MARCH 24 (M Saunders) M Saunders 10-9 S Mackey —
7 STRIKING IMAGE 105F (Flatwise Bricklwork Ltd) J Moore 10-9 A Charlton —
8 THEM TIMES 136F (J Pickering) F Jordan 10-9 J Lodder —

BETTING: 1-3 Robingo, 8-1 Daily Sport Girl, 10-1 Striking Image, 12-1 Them Times, 14-1 Exarch, 20-1 The Titan Ghost, 33-1 Dashing March, Manulife.

1992: BEEBOB 10-9 P Scudamore (2-5 fav) M Pipe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROBINGO beat Court Of Kings 15l in a 13-runner novice hurdle Exeter (2m 2f, soft), with EXARCH 23l 4th.
THE TITAN GHOST 42l 10th of 15 to Antiguan Flyer in a novice hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m, standard). Previously, 30½l 2nd of 7 to Texas Scramble in a novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft).
DAILY SPORT GIRL 8¾l 4th of 17 to Punchbag in a handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy). DASHING MARCH 39l 11th of 24 to Scrutineer in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft), with MANULIFE 3l 14th; STRIKING IMAGE placed over middle distances on the Flat.
Selection: ROBINGO

1.50 ASPIRING CHAMPIONS NOVICES CHASE
(£3,002: 3m) (10 runners)

1 01-3011 CAPABILITY BROWN 3 (CD,F,G,S) (D Lewis) M Pipe 6-11-11 P Scudamore [top]
2 00235/0- BLACK HORSE LAD 484 (S) (Miss S McCowan) P Nicholls 8-11-5 S Donohoe (5) —
3 0/03UPP- BLAKEINGTON 357 (Mrs J Bugg) N Mitchell 7-11-5 B Upton —
4 00/005-P MAYFIELD PARK 92 (R Barwell) C Barwell 8-11-5 N Mann —
5 F4-22F0 RUFUS 10 (D,S) (Mrs J Pestlower) J Edwards 7-11-5 N Williamson 95
6 F0P4-FP SAM PEPPER 19 (Mrs S Farr) Mrs S Farr 7-11-5 S Mackey —
7 5P0-FF2 SHEER ABILITY 20 (M Devlin) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-5 B de Haan 70
8 P3-PPPF TIME MODULE 21 (Mrs D Scott) D Scott 9-11-5 Mr J Scott (7) —
9 46PP/F3 WHEAL PROSPER 31 (Roach Foods Ltd) P Nicholls 8-11-5 M A Fitzgerald —
10 005/PFP TANDERAGEE 17 (S) (J Bowen) Mrs N Sharpe 12-11-0 Martin Jones —

BETTING: 2-5 Capability Brown, 3-1 Rufus, 12-1 Sheer Ability, 14-1 Wheal Prosper, 33-1 Black Horse Lad, Sam Pepper, 50-1 others.

1992: MINNEHOMA 9-11-11 P Scudamore (3-1) M Pipe 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPABILITY BROWN beat Grange Brake 3l in a 5-runner novice chase at Haydock on Saturday (2m 4f, heavy).
Previously, beat Saddler's Choice a distance in a 15-runner novice chase at Worcester (2m 7f, heavy), with SAM PEPPER pulled up. RUFUS last completed when 3l 2nd of 10 to Midnight Caller in a grade II novice chase at Lingfield (3m, soft). SHEER ABILITY 6l 2nd of 13 to Silverino in a novice handicap chase at Lingfield (3m, heavy). Previously, fell 2 out when 2nd to Claxton Greene over course and distance (soft), where SAM PEPPER was tailed off when falling 5 out and TIME MODULE was pulled up.
WHEAL PROSPER distance 3rd of 6 to Zamil in a novice chase at Newton Abbot last time out (2m 5f, heavy).
Selection: CAPABILITY BROWN

2.20 CLIVE GRAHAM TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,752: 3m) (7 runners)

1 422225 PASSED PAWN 10 (F,G,S) (Pipe/Scudamore Racing Club) M Pipe 6-12-0 P Scudamore 96
2 113123 CAIRNCASTLE 31 (D,F,G,S) (Miss S Steel) C Barwell 8-11-13 N Mann 94
3 /32F4/0 LEAVENWORTH 11 (G) (A Gardiner-Hill) Mrs J Retter 9-11-12 D Salter (7) —
4 /0/2P-2 GRENAGH 29 (S) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 12-11-5 W Marston (3) 98
5 5-43450 METAL OISEAU 14 (B,G,S) (I Hutchins) J Moore 5-10-12 A Charlton [top]
6 R222R GLEBELANDS GIRL 10 (G,S) (D Walsh) R Rowe 6-10-11 L Dace (7) 94
7 1156/ FREEMANTLE 703 (BF,G,S) (F Habberfield) R Buckler 8-10-7 B Powell —

BETTING: 3-1 Grenagh, 7-2 Glebelands Girl, Passed Pawn, 9-2 Cairncastle, 13-2 Metal Oiseau, 7-1 Leavenworth, 20-1 Freemantle.

1992: MR GOSSIP 10-10-8 R Dunwoody (13-2) N Henderson 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

PASSED PAWN 2l 2nd of 12 to Honeymoon in a handicap hurdle at Newbury on penultimate start (3m 110yd, soft). CAIRNCASTLE 8¼l 3rd of 11 to Duncan Idaho in a handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft). LEAVENWORTH, decent hurdler in 1989, 73l 12th of 14 to Sweet Glow in a handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, heavy). GRENAGH head 2nd of 13 to The Black Monk in a handicap hurdle here (2m 4f 110yd, soft), with METAL OISEAU 28l 5th (9lb better off). GLEBELANDS GIRL 1½l 2nd of 25 to Royal Athlete in a handicap hurdle at Windsor on penultimate start (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). FREEMANTLE 20l 6th of 19 to Duncan Idaho in a handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f, good to soft).
Selection: GRENAGH

2.50 RALPH MOREL HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,690: 2m 3f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 5011-11 CHERRYKINO 82 (G,S) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) T Forster 8-12-0 H Davies [top]
2 111-F22 PLASTIC SPACEAGE 20 (CD,G,S) (Spacemage Plastics Ltd) J Old 10-10-13 T Grantham 96
3 4PP/3-14 SIDE OF HILL 20 (CD,BF,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) M Pipe 8-10-5 P Scudamore 93
4 F22162- RE-RELEASE 283 (D,BF,G,S) (J Earle) M Pipe 8-10-1 M Foster 89

BETTING: 15-8 Cherrykino, 9-4 Plastic Spaceage, 3-1 Side Of Hill, 7-2 Re-Release.

1992: RONANS BIRTHDAY 10-10-2 C Maude (11-4) P Hobbs 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHERRYKINO beat Milford Quay 1l in a 3-runner chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, good). PLASTIC SPACEAGE 3l 2nd of 10 to Major Kinsman in a handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy), with SIDE OF HILL (5lb worse off) 10¼l 4th. SIDE OF HILL beat Sea Island 8l in a 6-runner handicap chase over course and distance (soft). RE-RELEASE 2l 2nd of 10 to Phillimsy in a novice chase at Newton Abbot in April (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: PLASTIC SPACEAGE

3.20 FLEDGLING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE
(£1,907: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

1 1 MILLROUS 40 (D,S) (Pipe/Scudamore Racing Club) M Pipe 5-11-6 M Foster 90
2 41-3864 NORSTOCK 20 (D,F,G) (N Quesnel) J White 6-11-6 K Comerford (5) [top]
3 PP6/P-0 BURFORD 21 (B Heffernan) B Heffernan 6-11-5 E Tierney —
4 35-5F23 MONK'S MISTAKE 59 (D,F,G,S) (J Boston) A Forbes 11-11-5 T Eley —
5 655200 PRINCE VALMY 6 (Mrs S Hooper) N Ayliffe 8-11-5 D Barry (5) 80
6 6/USPF6 RIVER REEF 41 (B) (A Mary) M Muggeridge 7-11-5 R Darke (3) —
7 P TEDS TACTICS 40 (Mrs H Haynes) H Haynes 10-11-5 D Salter (3) —
8 5U3-0U0 MARIE SWIFT 95 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 8-11-0 W Marston 81
9 0P-P05P RAMSEY STREET 21 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 6-11-0 J O'Hanlon (5) 88
10 MONTAGNE 92F (Mrs J Costhup) S Costhup 4-10-2 D J Moffatt —

BETTING: 11-10 Millrous, 2-1 Norstock, 8-1 Monk's Mistake, 16-1 Burford, 20-1 Montagne, 25-1 others.

1992: THREE LAKES 8-12-0 A Maguire (8-1) S Griffiths 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

MILLROUS beat Elegant Friend 1½l in an 8-runner conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft). NORSTOCK 16l 4th of 18 to Sulok in a conditional jockeys' claiming hurdle at Southwell (AW, 2m 2f, standard). MONK'S MISTAKE 8l 2nd of 12 to Noble Eyre in a claiming chase at Wolverhampton on penultimate start (2m, good). PRINCE VALMY neck 2nd of 10 to Fearsome in a selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot last month (2m 1f, heavy).
Selection: MILLROUS

3.50 QUAIL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,768: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 42-203 COUNTRY LAD 31 (Mrs R Pattison) Mrs S Williams 5-11-10 M A Fitzgerald 88
2 5402-02 ON THE LINE 31 (L Bush) C Barwell 5-11-4 N Mann [top]
3 003433/ DRAG ARTIST 610 (M Richards) M Scudamore 8-11-2 P Scudamore —
4 000/P-05 LOUIS FARRELL 13 (J Nardozzo) D Burchell 8-10-7 Mr S Blackwell 82
5 250/5P1 MECADO 8 (S) (Maltswood Ltd) F Yardley 6-10-2 (6ex) M Hoad 97
6 FR-5300 BARELY BLACK 14 (N Babbage) N Babbage 5-10-0 W Humphreys 93
7 /00P0/ JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 633 (Mrs J Scrivens) Mrs J Scrivens 10-10-0 A Webb —
8 600-6 CRYSTAL CONE 139 (A Pain) A Forte 7-10-0 D Salter (7) 71
9 U-04450 MISHY'S STAR 19 (B) (Mrs V Forte) A Forte 11-10-0 Tanya Braybrook (7) 71

Long handicap: Barely Black 9-5, Jay Jay's Voyage 9-3, Crystal Cone 9-3, Mishy's Star 9-1.

BETTING: 10-11 On The Line, 3-2 Mecado, 8-1 Country Lad, 10-1 Louis Farrell, 14-1 Drag Artist, 25-1 others.

1992: J BRAND 5-10-0 W McFarland (11-4) J Moore 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

COUNTRY LAD 35l 3rd of 9 to Stornhead in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy). DRAG ARTIST 7l 3rd of 18 to Bohea Destroyer in a selling handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, good). ON THE LINE 8l 2nd of 16 to Frost Street in a novice handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to soft), with BARELY BLACK (1lb worse off) 32l 9th. MECADO beat It's Not My Fault 1½l in a 14-runner selling handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft).
Selection: ON THE LINE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	60	197	30.5	P Scudamore	48	126	38.1
J Edwards	11	53	20.8	M Foster	5	16	31.3
J Old	6	36	16.7	B Powell	12	75	16.0
Only qualifiers				Only qualifiers			

THUNDERER
1.30 Strath Royal. 2.00 Trainglot. 2.30 Mr Boston. 3.00 Duo Drom. 3.30 Croft Mill. 4.00 Boutzdaroff. 4.30 Gymcrak Sovereign.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, SOFT PATCHES (CHASE COURSE); SOFT, GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES (HURDLES) SIS

1.30 WILFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £1,484: 2m) (15 runners)

1 -421 JOHN SHAW 20 R O'Leary 5-11-10 M Dwyer
2 AL-TORFANAN 650F T Kersey 9-11-3 Susan Kersey
3 P GOLDEN SUPREME 103 J Curtis 7-11-3 Mr M Mulligan
4 P HIGH BEACON 20 (B) K Bailey 6-11-3 A Tory
5 P- LO-FLYING MISSILE 434 R Dickin 5-11-3 D Meredith (5)
6 0-0P- MY DAD FRANK 12 J Mackie 7-11-3 C Llewellyn
7 PETRULLO 609F R Casey 8-11-3 J Osborne
8 -248 STRATH ROYAL 14 (CD,G) O Brennan 7-11-3 M Brennan
9 /0-5 SWAGMAN 10 B Richmond 6-11-3 W Worthington
10 22 TUSKY 24 G Moore 5-11-3 N Bentley (5)
11 28 CROIX VAL MER 63 (BF) Mrs I McKie 5-10-12 L Harvey
12 -8 NYIKA 43 J Webber 5-10-12 M M Lynch
13 0 QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE 14 Mrs P Sly 5-10-12 A Carroll
14 04 TINA'S GAME 61 A Stringer 5-10-12 R Garritty
15 P UNINSURED 42 Mrs D Haine 4-10-1 D Murphy

11-4 Tusky, 7-2 John Shaw, 4-1 Strath Royal, 5-1 Petrullo, 6-1 Croix Val Mer, 8-1 High Beacon, 12-1 others.

2.00 WILFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(Div II: £1,484: 2m) (15)

1 2-31 TRAINGLOT 18 (G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-10 M Dwyer
2 32- COOLEY'S VALVE 269F N Henderson 5-11-3 R Dunwoody
3 33/0 COTSWOLD CASTLE 12 R Dickin 7-11-3 D Meredith (5)
4 0 GO UNIVERSAL 11 M Bradstock 5-11-3 G Bradley
5 06 IN TRUTH 14 J Leigh 5-11-3 M Brennan
6 08P JOVEN TOP 40 Mrs I McKie 5-11-3 L Harvey
7 P MARCH LANE 18 J Webber 6-11-3 M M Lynch
8 OPERATION WOLF 472F N Tinkler 7-11-3 G McCourt
9 0-65 OWLANDISH 41 D McCain 5-11-3 S J O'Neill
10 P SALUTING WALTER 45 I Campbell 5-11-3 R Campbell
11 0-F STRELLEY PRINCE 97 Mrs S Smith 6-11-3 D Towler (7)
12 05P- THE JET SET 385 Mrs J Pitman 6-11-3 R Marley
13 50/0 WODEHOUSE 12 J Bosley 8-11-3 M Bosley
14 4- AIR SMILES 287 O Sherwood 6-10-12 J Osborne
15 0 STOPROVERITATE 29 S Norton 4-10-1 A Maguire

5-4 Trainglot, 11-8 Cooley's Valve, 8-1 Air Smiles, 10-1 Operation Wolf, 12-1 Stoproveritate, Strelley Prince, 16-1 others.

2.30 OLLERTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,114: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 2-P4 WINDY WAYS 24 (C,G) N Henderson 8-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 P423 MR BOSTON 10 (CD,F,G,S) R Woodhouse 8-11-3 S Turner
3 -P30 MISTER ED 14 (D,F,G,S) R Curtis 10-11-2 D Morris
4 1111 STIRRUP CUP 31 (C,G,S) C Egerton 9-10-11 J Osborne
5 U04- SMOOTH ESCORT 284 (G,S) Mrs D Haine 9-10-9 D Murphy
6 PF50 SIKERA SPY 46 (D,F,G) Mrs A Hewitt 11-10-5 R Bellamy
7 3125 NO GRANDAD 38 (D,S) J Upson 9-10-3 R Supple
8 1-SU MIAMI BEAR 11 (G) Mrs S Smith 7-10-0 A Maguire
9 5P3- ROYAL MILE 384 (D,F,G) P Cheesbrough 8-10-0 K Johnson

6-4 Stirrup Cup, 11-4 Windy Ways, 5-1 Miami Bear, 7-1 Mr Boston, 8-1 No Grandad, 12-1 Mister Ed, Royal Mile, 16-1 others.

3.00 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (£2,134: 2m) (8)

1 -113 WINNIE THE WITCH 17 (D,BF,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 9-11-6 D Bridgwater
2 0-14 NESSFIELD 53 (G,S) K Morgan 7-11-1 A S Smith
3 -5F4 BOSSBURG 38 D McCain 6-10-10 S J O'Neill
4 805F BUSTLING AROUND 12 J Bosley 6-10-10 M Bosley
5 -P22 DUO DROM 12 (BF,G) Mrs D Haine 8-10-10 D Murphy
6 4P0P OUTFIELD 14 (D) J Webber 7-10-10 M Lynch
7 0/P STREETFIELD 40 K Bridgwater 6-10-10 T Wall
8 0P TAREESH 20 K Bailey 6-10-10 A Tory

8-11 Winnie The Witch, 9-4 Duo Drom, 6-1 Nessfield, 12-1 others.

3.30 STOP GAP NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,933: 2m 5f 110yd) (9)

1 213F ONE MAN 59 (F) P Cheesbrough 5-11-10 C Grant
2 3120 CROFT MILL 42 (BF,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-10 J Osborne
3 -014 BRAIDA BOY 12 (D,S) M Bradstock 7-11-8 M P Fitzgerald (7)
4 -21P IMA DELIGHT 10 (BF,S) Mrs P Sly 6-11-6 A Carroll
5 -066 FIVELEIGH FIRST 38 J Upson 5-11-4 R Supple
6 -032 MASTER JOLSON 25 (BF) D Nicholson 5-11-4 R Dunwoody
7 4344 THIS NETTLE DANGER 10 O Brennan 9-10-13 M Brennan
8 /156 PLACID LAD 41 (G) J Webber 6-10-12 M Lynch
9 00/0 COP FOR THAT 8 Miss J Eaton 11-10-6 S Lyons (5)

15-8 Croft Mill, 5-2 Master Jolson, 9-2 Ima Delight, 13-2 One Man, 8-1 Braida Boy, 10-1 Fiveleigh First, Placid Lad, 12-1 This Nettle Danger, 25-1 Cop For That.

4.00 BONNINGTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,836: 2m) (9)

1 -420 BOUTZDAROFF 10 (D,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-12-0 M Dwyer
2 -45P MONUMENTAL LAD 73 (D,G,S) Mrs H Parrott 10-11-7 D Leahy (5)
3 -R3P SOUTHERN MINSTREL 39 (D,F,G,S) P Cheesbrough 10-11-3 C Grant
4 24-0 ISLAND JETSETTER 18 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 7-10-10 G McCourt
5 011- M I BABE 375 (D,F,G,S) Mrs I McKie 8-10-3 R Beggan
6 442- BEL COURSE 382 (D,F,G,S) J Webber 11-10-0 R Bellamy
7 641F TINAS LAD 46 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-10-0 R Dunwoody
8 -233 DR ROCKET 11 (CD,F,G,S) R Dickin 8-10-0 D Meredith (5)
9 04-5 GREYSBY 40 (V,G,S) O Brennan 11-10-0 M Brennan

9-4 Boutzdaroff, 5-2 M I Babe, 7-2 Tinas Lad, 11-2 Bel Course, 8-1 others.

4.30 CARLTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,304: 2m) (7)

1 3203 ROSGILL 10 (V,D,F) M Tompkins 7-11-10 A Maguire
2 /3-P NADIAD 39 (D,F,G) D McCain 7-11-4 R Dunwoody
3 F-56 MARCH AHEAD 122 (D,F) P Cheesbrough 7-11-0 K Johnson
4 4-06 GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 12 (D,S) M H Easterby 5-10-11 R Garritty
5 P6-4 RATIFY 14 (D,G) K Morgan 6-10-4 A S Smith
6 033- PINECONE PETER 232F (V,F,S) O Brennan 6-10-0 M Brennan
7 6-50 DEMOKOS 12 (D,F) A Stringer 8-10-0 C Grant

9-4 Rosgill, 5-2 Gymcrak Sovereign, 3-1 Ratify, 8-1 Pinecone Peter, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs I McKie, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; N Henderson, 11 from 28, 39.3%; Miss H Knight, 4 from 15, 26.7%; R Woodhouse, 3 from 15, 20.0%; K Bailey, 5 from 28, 17.9%; N Tinkler, 7 from 42, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 18 winners from 68 rides, 26.5%; R Garritty, 4 from 18, 22.2%; R Dunwoody, 13 from 67, 19.4%; C Llewellyn, 4 from 23, 17.4%; J Osborne, 6 from 36, 16.7%; R Beggan, 7 from 44, 15.9%.

THUNDERER
1.10 Alcoy. 1.40 Fairspear. 2.10 Rathvinden House. 2.40 Run To Form. 3.10 Amphigory. 3.40 Raba Riba. 4.10 Windsor Highness.

GOING: HEAVY (TURF COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS

1.10 GLADSTONE NOVICES HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,689: 2m) (9 runners)

1 4-2R BARUD 108 J Thomas 5-11-8 B Clifford (3)
2 006 MOVING FORCE 86 E Wheeler 5-11-6 J White
3 ARRASTRA 138F R Lee 5-11-1 D Tegg
4 3200 CLIPPER ONE 101 K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-1 D O'Sullivan (3)
5 P0P0 HOT LASS 25 J Bridger 7-11-1 Rachel Bridger (7)
6 01 ALCOY 14 (C) P Kelleway 4-11-0 A Bates (7)
7 P25P CHEEKA 6 C Smith 4-10-8 M Ranger
8 002 DRAGON SPIRIT 47 R Frost 4-10-8 J Frost
9 FP STORM RISK 17 J Tack 4-10-8 S McNeill

7-4 Alcoy, 5-2 Dragon Spirit, 6-1 Arrastra, Cheeka, 10-1 Clipper One, 12-1 Barud, Moving Force, 33-1 Hot Lass, Storm Risk.

1.40 THATCHER MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,675: 2m 4f) (10)

1 PP0 THE PRUSSIAN 28F K Wingrove 7-11-9 R Farrant (5)
2 -036 ROBBIE'S BOY 6 M Brown 6-11-5 J L Brown
3 2-0P BELLS YEW GREEN 6 J Bosley 11-11-4 S McNeill
4 84 COLLABORATE 11 G Harwood 4-11-4 M Perrett
5 08 CLEAR COMEDY 25 R Frost 5-11-2 J Frost
6 -P45 VOMERO 18 P Nicholls 8-11-2 R Greene (3)
7 2-06 LASCAR 82 (BF) G Thorner 5-11-1 I Lawrence
8 P HOTME 150 H Manners 8-10-10 Philip McEntee (7)
9 0P ONAWING ANDAPRAYER 19 J Mullins 6-10-10 S Dimond (7)
10 0 FAIRSPEAR 25F J Wells 4-10-9 D Skyrme

5-4 Vomero, 7-2 Collaborate, 5-1 Lascar, Robbie's Boy, 12-1 Clear Comedy, 16-1 Bells Yew Green, 20-1 Fairspear, The Prussian, 33-1 others.

2.10 ATTLEE NOVICES CHASE
(Turf: £2,595: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 14U1 RATHVINDEN HOUSE 17 (D,G,S) T Thomson Jones 6-11-10 J Frost
2 -3P1 WASHINGTONCROSSING 20 (CD,S) A Tarrell 7-11-10 S McNeill
3 5-4P ARCTIC RULER 31 D Murray-Smith 7-11-4 D Gallagher
4 053U HATS HIGH 20 (B,G,S) F Gray 8-11-4 M Crosse
5 P MERRY WAND 19 R Lee 8-11-4 D Tegg
6 122- SALLY'S GEM 332 (G) J White 6-11-4 B Clifford (3)
7 050- APRIL'S BABY 273 Miss C Caroe 9-10-13 Dale McKeown
8 /54F STUPID CUPID 8 (F,G) R Rowe 9-10-13 E McKinley

5-4 Washingtoncrossing, 6-4 Rathvinden House, 6-1 Sally's Gem, 8-1 Stupid Cupid, 14-1 Hats High, 25-1 others.

2.40 LLOYD GEORGE HANDICAP HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,672: 2m 4f) (5)

1 -600 RUN TO FORM 14 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-12 M Pitman
2 0-1P MY NEW BEST FRIEND 183 (D,F) R Lee 9-11-11 D Tegg
3 0-03 SING THE BLUES 14 (C) C Benstead 9-10-12 M Perrett
4 1P/ DECIDEDLY DUTCH 605 Miss Gay Kelleway 5-10-4 S McNeill
5 5P05 CHEAP METAL 14 (B,D,F) R Ingram 8-10-1 Dale McKeown

2-1 Sing The Blues, 5-2 Cheap Metal, 3-1 Run To Form, 4-1 My New Best Friend, 10-1 Decidedly Dutch.

3.10 PALMERSTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,675: 2m 2f) (8)

1 204- DREWITTS DANCER 263 F Gray 6-11-10 M Crosse
2 3-80 TAYLORS PRINCE 48 H Collingridge 6-11-8 V Smith
3 3602 ROYAL CIRCUS 21 P Hiatt 4-11-8 R Davis (5)
4 4-3P MARY'S MUSIC 12 Mrs J Dawe 5-11-5 N Dawe
5 5066 AMPHIGORY 25 (B,F) P Radford 5-11-4 T Thompson (7)
6 P004 LOON 14 J Joseph 5-10-12 D Skyrme
7 05F5 FORGE 14 K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-10 D O'Sullivan (3)
8 /U6 LITTLEDALE 38 M Wilkinson 7-10-8 P Ward (7)

5-2 Amphigory, 3-1 Taylors Prince, 9-2 Loon, 6-1 Drewitts Dancer, Royal Circus, 10-1 Forge, 12-1 Mary's Music, 25-1 Littledale.

3.40 DISRAELI NOVICES HURDLE
(All-weather: £1,586: 2m 6f) (5)

1 00 BARNABY BOY 43 M Brown 5-11-6 J L Brown
2 P6-P BERYL'S JOKE 31 (B) R Baker 9-11-6 W McFarland
3 P-02 RABA RIBA 14 J Spearing 8-11-6 M Perrett
4 4/0- HELLO LADY 379 D Murray-Smith 8-11-1 D Gallagher
5 0060 JUST NELLY 14 J Mullins 7-11-1 S Earle

1-3 Raba Riba, 4-1 Beryl's Joke, 7-1 Just Nelly, 12-1 others.

4.10 ASQUITH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (All-weather: £1,675: 2m) (10)

1 4P50 NO BONUS 98 (D,F) R Baker 9-12-0 T Thompson (5)
2 1/0P DONOSTI 72 (D,F,G) R Lee 9-11-12 R Greene
3 0/0F- CROSSROAD LAD 346 (D,F) Miss K George 7-11-5 V Slattery
4 4022 WHIPPERS DELIGHT 1 (D,G,S) G Charles-Jones 5-11-1 D Meade (5)
5 6503 WINDSOR HIGHNESS 14 (D,G) K Wingrove 6-10-13 R Farrant
6 2P10 KEY DEAR 96 (B,F) P Nicholls 6-10-12 M Hourigan
7 0030 ZULU 21 (D,F) G Ham 8-10-9 R Davis (3)
8 0205 PLEASE PLEASE ME 14 (D,F) K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-9 D O'Sullivan
9 006F DECIDING BID 14 (D,F,G) Mrs M Long 7-10-0 Leesa Long (5)
10 004U LADY POLY 5 (C) R Stone 5-10-0 B Clifford

3-1 Whippers Delight, 7-2 Key Dear, 4-1 Windsor Highness, 5-1 Please Please Me, Zulu, 12-1 No Bonus, 14-1 Lady Poly, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Kelleway, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; C Benstead, 7 from 18, 38.9%; Mrs J Pitman, 6 from 16, 37.5%; T Thomson Jones, 10 from 27, 37.0%; J White, 10 from 44, 22.7%; E Wheeler, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: A Bates, 5 winners from 10 rides, 50.0%; Dale McKeown, 30 from 93, 32.3%; J White, 4 from 13, 30.8%; M Perrett, 3 from 15, 20.0%; I Lawrence, 5 from 28, 17.9%; D O'Sullivan, 5 from 40, 12.5%.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Premier League
Blackburn v Coventry (7.45)
Middlesbrough v Southampton
Oldham v Man City (all ticket)
Wimbledon v Everton (8.0)

Barclays League
First division
Grimsby v Swindon (7.45)
Notts County v Tranmere (7.45)
Postponed: Sunderland v Watford

Second division
Blackpool v Leyton Orient
Bournemouth v West Brom (7.45)
Chester v Preston NE
Plymouth v Hull (7.45)
Rotherham v Burnley
Stockport v Port Vale
Swansea v Wigan

Third division
Barnet v Gillingham (7.45)
Bury v Chesterfield
Halifax v Cardiff
Lincoln v Carlisle
Northampton v Crewe
Shrewsbury v Scunthorpe
Torquay v Doncaster
Walsall v Hereford (7.45)
Wrexham v York
Postponed: Darlington v Colchester

GM Vauxhall Conference
Slough v Farnborough
Stafford v Gateshead

Scottish League
First division
Ayr v Stirling
Raith v Clydebank

Second division
East Fife v Clyde
Forfar v Queen's Park
Stenhousemuir v Queen of South
Alloa v Montrose
Postponed: East Stirling v Arbroath.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Commercial Services Cup: Fourth round: Crawley v Dover Ath; Nuneaton Borough v Halesowen Town; Stourbridge v Rushden and Diamonds; Sudbury v Witney. Midland division: Bilston v Sutton Coldfield. Southern division: Braintree v Dunstable (7.45). Margate v Poole (7.45).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Hampton v Witham; Hungerford v Leatherhead. League Cup: Third round: Aylesbury Utd v Enfield. Fourth round: Kingstonian v Marlow. Full Members Cup: Preliminary round: Chesham Utd v Stevenage Borough; Hayes v Wembley; Sutton Utd v Lewes; Wokingham v Chalfont St Peter. Associate Members Cup: Preliminary round: Banstead Ath v Egham; Bracknell v Newbury; Leighton v Flackwell Heath.

HFS LOANS: League Cup: Second-round replay: Gainsborough Trinity v Accrington Stanley.

KONICA LEAGUE CUP: Preliminary round: Connah's Quay v Flint Town Utd.

BASS IRISH CUP: Fifth round: Brantwood v Donegal Celtic (2.0); Omagh Town v Ballinamallard Utd; Larne v Crusaders; Linfield v Coleraine.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Chelsea (2.0); Portsmouth v Brighton (7.0). Second division: Bristol Rovers v Cheltenham.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Bootle v St Helens; Eastwood Hanley v Nantwich; Flixton v Atherton LR, Maine Road v Glossop; Salford City v Bacup Borough.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Exmouth v Tiverton.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: G and W Engineering Cup: Third round: Maltby MW v Hucknall Town; North Ferriby Utd v Stocksbridge PS; Thackley v Sheffield; Yorks Amateurs v Liversedge. Replay: Rossington Main v Worsborough Bridge.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League
First division
Pontypridd v Cardiff (7.15)
CLUB MATCH: Abertillery v Berry Hill (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBC international middleweight championship: Chris Pyatt v Danny Garcia (Leicester).
SNOOKER: Regal Welsh championship (Newport).
TABLE TENNIS: European women's league: England v Holland (Grantham).

Leicester

Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, AS DU TREFLE (P Scudamore, 4-6 fav); 2, Virkon Venture (S Smith Eccles, 4-1); 3, Book Of Runes (N Williamson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Katy's Lad, 20 Firefighter (4th), 25 Caragh Bridge (pu), Devil's Soul, 50 High Plateau (5th), Inan (6th), 500 Copford (pu). 10 ran. NR: Big Boat. 10l, 2l, 5l, 5l, 7l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £4.10.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, MY LINDIANNE (M Hourigan, 25-1); 2, Eastern Pleasure (S Lyons, 7-2); 3, It's Not My Fault (R Davis, 10-3). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Barry Owen (5th), 7 Baybeejay (4th), 12 Deher Boy (pu), Ullswater (6th), 20 Mr Mulkeen (pu), 33 Polder (pu), 50 Roseteen (pu). 10 ran. ½l, 3l, 1l, 2l, 15l. J Dooler at Goole. Tote: £40.30; £9.40, £1.80, £1.00. DF: £113.90. CSF: £98.54. Tricast: £334.60. No bid.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, SHANNON GLEN (M Pitman, 6-1); 2, Little-Nipper (R Dunwoody, 5-2); 3, The Widget Man (D Murphy, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Celtic Chief (pu), 14 Comedy Spy (f), 33 Glen Mirage (ur), Glengriffin (6th), 40 Lawnswood Sun (pu), 66 Singing Spear (4th), 100 Hunting Diary (pu), Espero (5th). 11 ran. 4l, 5l, 15l, 1¼l, 12l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £8.10; £1.40, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £13.70. CSF: £19.47.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, BERESFORDS GIRL (E Byrne, 12-1); 2, Mr Setaside (B Powell, 15-8 fav); 3, Fast Study (R Bellamy, 10-3). ALSO RAN: 6 Big Ben Dun (5th), Do Be Brief, 16 Mister Hartigan, 25 Mweenish (4th), 33 Last House (pu), Nicknavar (ur), Capell Cone (f), Bird Of Spirit (6th), Double Tricks, 150 Alice's Boy. 13 ran. ¾l, ½l, 1½l, 10l, 8l. P Murphy at Bristol. Tote: £12.00; £3.20, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £37.30. CSF: £32.48. Tricast: £87.75.

3.30 (3m hdle) 1, GABRIELLA MIA (T Jarvis, 12-1); 2, Brave Buccaneer (J White, 8-11 fav); 3, Just A Second (R Dunwoody, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Don't Light Up (4th), 8 Intrepid Lass (5th), 20 Sarah's Wreath (6th), 25 Over The Stream (pu), 66 Arm In Arm (pu), 100 Master D Dee (pu), Prince Yamadori, Stan Carter, 150 Brave Ben (pu). 12 ran. Nk, 3l, 12l, 12l, 25l. A Jarvis at Aston Upthorpe. Tote: £17.50; £2.50, £1.40, £3.00. DF: £11.60. CSF: £20.82.

4.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, CHICHELL'S HURST (A Carroll, 100-30; Thunderer's nap); 2, Buonarroti (T Grantham, 3-1); 3, Jailbreaker (A Webb, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Senator Snugfit (5th), 12 Dolly Wardance (6th), 16 Crazy Horse Dancer (4th), 50 Sporting Idol (pu). 7 ran. 12l, 5l, 2l, 25l, 1½l. Mrs P Sly at Peterborough. Tote: £4.70; £1.90, £2.10. DF: £7.10. CSF: £12.34.

Placepot: £12.30.

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Lingfield Park

Going: heavy (second plain fence and the open ditch both been omitted due to the heavy going)

1.40 (2m ch) 1, Shanaghey West (G Bradley, 7-4); 2, Woody Will (4-5 fav); 3, Zagazig (12-1). 4 ran. 8l, 12l. J Jenkins. Tote: £2.40. DF: £1.30. CSF: £3.43.

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Kovalevskia (M Foster, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Whippers Delight (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Sharpgun (4-1). 9 ran. 12l, ¾l. D Wilson. Tote: £3.60; £1.10, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £4.10. CSF: £15.42. Tricast: £44.77. No bid for.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, Diamond Fort (S McNeill, 5-2); 2, Buddington (11-8 fav); 3, Popeswood (5-1). 5 ran. 10l, ½l. J McConnochie. Tote: £2.90; £2.00, £1.40. DF: £2.90. CSF: £6.05.

3.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Coonawara (C Llewellyn, 2-9 fav); 2, Handsome Ned (16-1); 3, Bathwick Bobbie (5-1). 7 ran. 12l, hd. T Forster. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £3.10. DF: £5.50. CSF: £5.99.

3.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Playpen (J Frost, 4-1); 2, Skipping Tim (2-1 fav); 3, Sarah Jay (7-2). 6 ran. 1½l, 5l. R Frost. Tote: £6.50; £3.20, £1.70. DF: £12.70. CSF: £11.57.

4.10 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Joker Jack (A Procter, 11-4 fav); 2, Wings Of Freedom (7-2); 3, Tammy's Friend (4-1). 6 ran. 10l, 4l. R Dean. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £1.90. DF: £9.20. CSF: £12.80. Placepot: £22.00.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.50 (7f) 1, Lord Naskra (Emma O'Gorman, 14-1); 2, On Y Va (4-1 fav); 3, Diamond Inthe Dark (8-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 1l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £16.90; £4.70, £2.00, £3.10. DF: £67.50. CSF: £65.67. Tricast: £348.90.

2.20 (1m 4f) 1, Annacurragh (J Quinn, 5-6 fav); 2, Baher (16-1); 3, Karamoja (6-1). 8 ran. 1¾l, 12l. C Hill. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £4.30, £1.60. DF: £28.90. CSF: £15.40.

2.50 (1m) 1, Broughtons Formula (D McCabe, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Nikki Noo Noo (10-3); 3, Tacitum (8-1). Robix 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. 3½l, 5l. W Musson. Tote: £4.10; £1.70, £3.00. DF: £6.20. CSF: £10.43.

3.20 (2m) 1, Tempering (S Wood, 4-6 fav); 2, Amour Royal (9-1); 3, City Line (6-1). 10 ran. NR: Naseer. 6l, ¾l. D Chapman. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.10, £2.50. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.44.

3.50 (7f) 1, Rose Flyer (D McCabe, 2-1 fav); 2, Prince Of Soul (16-1); 3, Gussie Fink-Nottle (85-40). 8 ran. 7l, 1½l. M Chapman. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £2.80, £1.50. DF: £38.10. CSF: £31.83.

4.20 (6f) 1, Lincstone Boy (S Webster, 9-1); 2, Katar (9-1); 3, Samsolom (5-1). Jovial Kate 4-1 fav. 11 ran. 2l, ¾l. S Bowring. Tote: £6.90; £2.00, £3.90, £1.90. DF: £65.90. CSF: £80.06. Tricast: £412.36.

Placepot: £14.20.

Inspection at Newton Abbot

NEWTON Abbot's meeting on Thursday is in doubt after heavy rain in the West Country. With the track effectively waterlogged, there will be an inspection at 2.30pm today.

Ivor Lang, the clerk of the course, said: "It is odds-against at the moment due to waterlogging on parts of the course."

Federation starts its search for a caped crusader


Gillingham: lone medal

A report on Britain's disappointing display in the Barcelona Olympic swimming pool is likely to make waves, Craig Lord reports

The appointment of a swimming director for Britain is likely to be the most far-reaching proposal in the independent report on the nation's disappointing performance at the Barcelona Olympic Games.

Sir Peter Heatly, who chaired the review committee of four, said last week that "nothing radical" would be contained in his report, which is published on Thursday. Nick Gillingham was the only medal-winner at Barcelona, with a bronze; no British women made finals and 80 per cent of the swims failed to produce best times.

The Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain (ASFGB) met on Friday night to decide whether to accept the recommendations of Sir Peter and his fellow review committee members — Sue Campbell, chief executive of the National Coaching Foundation, Kevin Hickey, technical director of the British Olympic Association, and Alan Clarkson, treasurer of the ASFGB.

The federation's verdict will be made public on Thursday to coincide with the report. A positive response on any suggestion of a national performance director would raise more questions than provide answers.

Would he have a permanent base or would he be a roving director travelling from club to club, regardless of standard? Would he be responsible for all four swimming disciplines, including water polo, diving and synchro?

Such issues make many of those who might apply for the quixotic quest run for cover on the grounds that they have neither armour strong enough to bear the burden of such a wide office nor a Superman cape.

Most crucial is the question of funding for a performance director, a post mooted long before Barcelona. Any approach to private backers or the Sports Council is likely to be met with extreme caution at a time of recession.

Serious doubts remain as to the viability and need for a director, who would merely add another tier to a hierarchy already heavy on chiefs but short on Indians.

England and Wales have directors in place, both of whom play more advisory than dictatorial roles, while in Scotland, Hamilton Smith was dismissed as director earlier this month and a review of the sport's structure has begun with the backing of the Scottish sports council, which funded Smith's appointment.

The Scottish case presents a strong argument against the need for a national director in a sport in which the individual is king and the spirit of free enterprise has traditionally produced Britain's leading swimmers.

Not one of Britain's Olympic medal-winners to date has come out of a centralised system governed by a supremo. In fact, the opposite is true.

The three most successful women have been Anita Lonsbrough, who won gold in 1960, Sarah Hardcastle, silver and bronze in 1984, and Sharron Davies, silver in 1980.

Hardcastle and Davies thrived not on a diet of state or governing body regimentation but a discipline set for them by their individual coaches on a one-to-one basis within a club structure.

The same pattern is true for Adrian Moorhouse and Nick Gillingham, Britain's most recent Olympic successes. Both were produced from local authority city schemes, Leeds and Birmingham respectively.

It is from such schemes that the rivalry needed to stimulate progress has been most productive.

Take that away and replace it with a centralised system in which rivals become almost permanent national squad members — well financed, nourished and closeted — and the result is a loss of appetite to win.

To a point, that is what happened before and at Barcelona; the British team was the most centrally planned, the best funded, the oldest and most experienced to leave these shores. Yet few appeared to have a lust for success.

That acknowledgement would be the most important the Heatly report could make.

TENNIS

Stage-struck Boetsch lets Edberg limp into quarter-finals

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

NOT even the Moscow State Circus, which has been performing in the arena opposite Flinders Park, could have matched the tantalising, death-defying stunt performed by Stefan Edberg at the Australian Open yesterday. For much of the day, it was more a question of when rather than if the Swede would become the latest casualty in a tournament becoming more like the retreat from Moscow every day.

Brief glimpses of Edberg in morning practice only confirmed the fears that injury, diagnosed as a back spasm, would force his withdrawal from the Australian Open for the third time in five years. He looked stiff and uncomfortable, barely able to bend his back for a serve or stoop for a volley. But constant treatment and a succession of hot baths eased the pain enough to persuade Edberg to "give it a go" in the fourth round against the talented French player, Arnaud Boetsch.

With his back firmly strapped and wearing a short-sleeved sweater for added warmth, Edberg took to the centre court and gingerly survived his opening service game before sweeping with ever increasing freedom and confidence to a 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 victory in 91 minutes. It was a near flawless display by Edberg, whose one concession to injury was to sacrifice speed for accuracy on his first serve; 81 per cent of his first serves went in.

Admittedly, he will not find many players so willing to play the fall guy as Boetsch, who seemed to suffer a nervous spasm of his own when faced by Edberg on his first visit to the main court. Whether distracted by thoughts of Edberg's injury or mesmerised by the occasion, he made far too many elementary errors and failed to exploit Edberg's understandable early hesitancy. "I had so many problems with my own game, I didn't have time to look at his back," Boetsch said. "I am so ashamed to play as badly as that on the centre court."

Edberg admitted to being "very surprised", not just that he had won so easily, but that his back had held up so well. "There was no pain at all," he said. "If I had felt it at all, I would have given up. I didn't try to do anything fancy and, though I was thinking about my back the whole time, I concentrated really well. I was really very relaxed. It was like a dream."

The No. 2 seed's recovery was a tribute to the healing powers of electricity, the skills of the trainers, and to his own high level of fitness. Barely two days before, he had not been able to rise from the treatment table because his back was so sore. "But it is not finished yet," he said, a reference to his quarter-final with his compatriot, Christian Bergstrom. "He will make me hit more balls, that's for sure."

Bergstrom has capitalised on his win over Lendl in the first round by reaching the quarter-final of a grand slam tournament for only the second time. The first occasion was at Wimbledon in 1990, when he lost to Edberg, the eventual champion.

Bergstrom, ranked 62, drove the No. 10 seed, Wayne Ferreira, to distraction in the fourth round with his subtle changes of pace and angle. He exposed terrible weaknesses in the South African's mental armoury in a 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 win. He was 4-0 down in the second set but recovered to take a 2-0 lead as Ferreira became frustrated by his inability to turn superior power into domination.

Besides Edberg, two of the Maleeva sisters (pulled muscles) and Pete Sampras (blisters) required treatment. Sampras had to seek attention during his 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory over MaliVai Washington.

Jennifer Capriati, at least, is off the list of walking wounded. Playing without pain or a fever for the first time in three matches, she lost the first set against Katerina Maleeva before advancing to a meeting with Steffi Graf.

Of the men's quarter-finals, only one — Courier v Korda — has gone according to the seeding. Two others — Bergstrom v Edberg and Sampras v Steven — involve unseeded players, and the fourth, Stich v Forget, could be the most competitive match of the round.

Brett Steven, of New Zealand, ranked 71, outlasted Richard Fromberg, of Tasmania, in five sets over four-and-a-half hours.

Forget ended the hopes of Kelly Jones, the last surviving qualifier, who was still smarting from the £800 fine imposed on him for dousing an over-enthusiastic David Wheaton supporter with water during the previous round.

"I think it's very unfair," he said. "They only did it because a lady kept calling them about it. It's put a real dampener on things." At least the choice of phrase was appropriate.

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: P Sampras (US) bt M Washington (US), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; G Forget (Fr) bt K Jones (US), 6-3, 7-6, 7-6; P Korda (Cz) bt C Garner (US), 7-5, 6-3, 6-1; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt W Ferreira (SA), 6-4, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; B Steven (NZ) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 7-6, 6-7, 6-7, 6-1, 8-6.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: M Seles (Yug) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-2, 6-0; J Halard (Fr) bt C Martinez (Sp), 6-4, 6-3; J Capriati (US) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; M Fernandez (US) bt M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz), 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.
MEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: B Garnett (US) and T J Middleton (US) bt S Davies (US) and D MacPherson (Aus), 6-4, 7-6; J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt J Eltingh (Holl) and P Haarhuis (Holl), 7-5, 6-4; S Cannon (US) and S Melville (US) bt O Camporese (It) and R Krajicek (Holl), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; G Muller (SA) and J Sánchez (Sp) bt K Kinnear (US) and S Saiumaa (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; J Grabb (US) and R Reneberg (US) bt M Briggs (US) and T Kronemann (US), 6-4, 6-4; D Visser (SA) and L Warder (Aus) bt P McEnroe (US) and J Stark (US), 7-6, 7-6; J-L De Jager (SA) and M Oncules (SA) bt W Ferreira (SA) and and P Norval (SA), 6-2, 7-6
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Second round: P Fendick (US) and A Strnadova (Cz) bt J Hodder (Aus) and A Woolcock (Aus), 6-2, 6-3, C Martinez (Sp) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Bowes (US) and T Whittington (US), 6-2, 6-3; G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belarus) bt L Fleming (Aus) and S Teslud (Fri, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; M J Fernandez (US) and Z Garrison-Jackson (US) bt M Maleeva (Bul) and M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz), 6-4, 6-2. Third round: P Shriver (US) and E Smylie (Aus) bt K Adams (US) and M Bollegraf (Holl), 6-3, 6-2; L Neiland (Lat) and J Novotna (Cz) bt L Davenport (US) and C Rubin (US), 4-6, 6-4, 9-7; L McNeil (US) and R Stubbs (Aus) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg) and L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-3, 7-6
MIXED DOUBLES: First round: R McQuillan (Aus) and D MacPherson (Aus) bt S Collins (US) and M Kratzmann (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; E Smylie (Aus) and J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt E Reinach (SA) and P Galbraith (SA), 7-5, 6-2; J Hetherington (Can) and G Michibata (Can) bt L Neiland (Lat) and C Suk (Cz), 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, N Zvereva (Belarus) and K Jones (US) bt J Faull (Aus) and S Saiumaa (US), 6-3, 6-4; Z Garrison-Jackson (US) and P Loach (US) bt R Stubbs (Aus) and G Van Emburgh (US), 6-2, 6-4. Second round: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) and T Woodbridge (Aus) bt K Rinaldi (US) and G Connell (Can), 6-4, 6-4; N Miyagi (Japan) and K Kinnear (US) bt N Provis (Aus) and M Woodforde (Aus), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
BOYS' SINGLES: First round: J Delgado (GB) bt J Snamni (Aus), 6-4, 5-7, 9-7.


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SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
AUSTRIA							
Bad Gstein	10	100	spring	closed	snow	3	25/1
(Best snow on upper slopes)							
Kaprun	5	60	spring	closed	overcast	10	8/1
(Snow forecast; 19 lifts operating)							
Schladming	20	70	fair	fair	snow	2	25/1
(Very strong winds; rain below 1,500m; 70% of area open)							
Soll	0	30	poor	closed	snow	7	25/1
(Rain below 1,400m; four lifts operating)							
FRANCE							
L'Alpe d'Huez	130	240	good	poor	snow	0	25/1
(Oz, Auris, and Vaujany links closed; 49 lifts operating)							
Courchevel	70	170	good	hard	overcast	4	25/1
(Best above 1,800m at Saulire; 57 lifts operating)							
Val d'Isère	90	150	good	good	overcast	0	25/1
(Best above 2,000m at Solaise; 45 lifts operating)							
Valloire	10	100	hard	patchy	snow	5	25/1
(Rain below 1,600m; 50% of area open)							
ITALY							
Bormio	10	150	hard	icy	cloudy	3	9/12
(Quite extensive skiing still available; 11 lifts operating)							
Livigno	40	150	hard	worn	cloudy	3	12/12
(Most lifts — 26 of 27 — operating)							
Madonna	50	120	good	hard	overcast	4	5/12
(Best snow at Monte Groste; 21 of 30 lifts operating)							
Sauze d'Oulx	30	60	hard	limited	fine	5	23/12
(Best snow on Triplex glacier; 16 lifts operating)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	50	60	good	hard	sunny	2	14/1
(All lifts running; best snow at Hornli)							
Davos	20	150	hard	icy	sunny	2	12/12
(All pistes open; best snow at Parsenn)							
Grindelwald	10	40	fair	closed	snow	10	25/1
(Rain below 2,000m; two lifts and pistes open)							
Verbier	80	250	good	mixed	snow	5	25/1
(Best snow at Mont Fort; 35 of 39 lifts operating)							
UNITED STATES							
Aspen	130	140	good	good	clear	-5	24/1
(All lifts running)							
Copper	100	125	good	good	clear	-10	24/1
(All lifts operating; skiing at all four bowls)							
Mammoth	210	460	good	good	clear	5	18/1
(All lifts and trails open)							

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JON BOOTT

Sharpshooters: Robert Hill and Jane Sixsmith were acclaimed as the Norwich Union players of 1992 at Birmingham Council House yesterday after coming top of a poll conducted by the Hockey Writers' Club (Sydney Friskin writes).

Sixsmith, 25, scored the deciding goal in the 2-1 win over Germany in the European Cup final and against South Korea in a 4-3 victory that earned Britain the bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympic Games last year. In a five-year international career she has made 79 appearances fot Great Britain, scoring 33 goals, and 61 for England, which have produced 18 goals. She is a sports development officer with Birmingham city council.

Hill's recall to the British squad for the Olympic Games proved an outstanding success for he scored 16 goals in 19 appearances. Overall, he has scored 22 goals for Britain but only two for England. The Somerset farmer's international career began in 1988, when he played for Great Britain in the Champions Trophy in Lahore. He made his first appearance for England against Germany the following year at Lilleshall. His expertise at short corners helped Havant to retain the league championship in 1992 but he has since moved to Firebrands, the Bristol club.

The presentations were made by Margaret Glesborne, of Pegasus Club, Belfast and Ireland and by Paul Barber, of Slough and Great Britain. The prizes were a silver rose bowl and a cheque for £100, which was donated by Sixsmith to her own club First Personnel Sutton Coldfield, holders of the European Cup Winners' Cup, and by Hill to his original club, Taunton Vale.

RUGBY UNION: HARLEQUINS HANDED TRICKY DRAW IN PILKINGTON CUP

Waterloo looking for third scalp

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF WATERLOO can beat Bath, the 1992 cup holders and league champions, and Orrell, the 1992 league runners-up, they must believe they can beat Harlequins in the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup on February 27.

The draw yesterday at least kept them at home, where they achieved their previous triumphs. In other respects, although a sponsor's dream in that it sustains the prospect of two famous names in the final, the draw was distinctly unkind to those of romantic inclination.

Exeter, of the third division, must go to Leicester while Moseley, Waterloo's colleagues in the second division, travel to Northampton.

Harlequins, beaten finalists last year and winners in 1988 and 1991, were due to play Waterloo in a club match on February 27 but at the Stoop Memorial ground.

"We haven't picked the easiest one but we seem to be alright at Blundellsands," Tony Cove, the Waterloo press officer, said.

Harlequins may be reinforced for the encounter by the presence of Troy Coker, the Australia forward.

He arrives in England today, after five years of to-ing and fro-ing, to take up a job. He hopes to make his home in this country.

He has been a registered Harlequin player since his student days at Oxford University but the club is not clear whether that means he will escape the 180-day eligibility period for overseas players. It has asked the Senior Clubs' Association for a ruling.

Given the choice of three trophies — Pilkington Cup, Lancashire Cup or second division championship — Waterloo would go for promotion to the first division. But they will relish the prospect of a third colourful scalp in a match that will bring the two England A squad stand-off halves, Paul Grayson and Paul Challinor, face to face.

Exeter's cup run may end at Welford Road but at least they should bow out with a financial killing against Leicester who, in beating Nottingham on Saturday, became the first club to record 50 cup wins. "We will never get a tougher game than this," David Wiggins, the Exeter chief coach, said. "But we will use it as a yardstick to see how far we have gone."

Leicester, who last played Exeter in 1967, were happy merely to be drawn at home — for the first time since January 1991. They then lost to Wasps, who themselves remain on course for a league and cup double but face the long and awkward journey to West Hartlepool.

Moseley must concede a plum home fixture against Bath to go to Northampton. The two Midlands clubs met in the first two years of the knockout competition yet only once since, in 1991.

Quarter-finals
Leicester v Exeter
Northampton v Moseley
Waterloo v Harlequins
West Hartlepool v Wasps
Ties to be played Feb 27

Cardiff return to full strength

CARDIFF make ten changes for their rearranged Heineken League first division match at Pontypridd tonight. The league leaders are desperate to bounce back quickly after the humiliating, 16-14, Swalec Cup fifth-round defeat by St Peter's on Saturday.

They are taking no chances by recalling Howard Stone and Hemi Taylor to the back row and Jonathan Humphreys and Phil Sedgemore to the front. Alex Evans, the coach, has made wholesale changes behind the scrum, recalling Mike Rayer at full back, Colin Laity in the centre and Steve Ford on the wing.

Nigel Walker has recovered from an ankle injury and comes back on the left wing to complete a threequarter line in which only Mike Hall, the captain, survives from Saturday's debacle. Evans has also reintroduced the half-back pairing of Andy Moore, at scrum half, and Adrian Davies, with the latter — the highest scorer in the Heineken League with 191 — looking to pass 200 points.

Neil Jenkins, the Pontypridd stand-off who seems certain to reclaim that berth when the Wales team to play England is announced today, partners Paul John. Jenkins has missed seven of his club's 14 matches through injury.

CYCLING

Henry will be wary of first leg

WHEN Conor Henry, the Belfast rider who is based in France, fell off on the starting ramp in the Milk Race prologue at Penzance last year, it raised a titter among the crowd (Peter Bryan writes). A fortnight later, after he had resisted a non-stop, last-day attack at Lincoln to win the 1,100-mile race by the slender margin of 19 seconds, the laughter had changed to cheers.

Henry, who will be defending his title in this year's race, which starts in Tunbridge Wells on May 30, was warned of the dangers awaiting the unwary in this year's two-mile town centre prologue when the route was announced yesterday. It will be held on a "physically demanding" twisting circuit that ends with a quarter-mile climb.

BOXING

Big things planned for Schwer

BILLY Schwer, the British and Commonwealth lightweight champion, will face the toughest contest of his 19-bout career when he defends against Paul Burke, of Preston, at Wembley Grand Hall on February 24 (Srikumar Sen writes). If Schwer comes through convincingly he could be in line for a world title challenge.

Schwer's manager, Mickey Duff, said yesterday: "If Billy overcomes Burke in style, I would take up the offer of José Sulaimán [World Boxing Council president] to rank him in the top ten. Within 18 months we would have a world title fight in London. I am looking five or six fights away. I have no hesitation in saying he will be world champion."

Burke's manager, Phil Martin, thought his man would ruin these plans. "Paul will knock Schwer out," Martin, whose Moss Side stable is on a winning streak, said. "Billy is made for Paul. The biggest thing we have to overcome is the crowd. A lot of psychology is involved here. That's why Mickey has brought the fight to London." Schwer has a big following, especially from Luton, where he lives. He expects to sell tickets worth around £50,000 and fill two-thirds of a hall with a capacity of 2,800.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leaders sign Cowan

ST HELENS, the Stones Bitter championship leaders, are to sign Ricky Cowan, the New Zealand international forward, until the end of the season (Christopher Irvine writes). Cowan, 28, is a replacement on the club's overseas quota for Jarrod McCracken, his New Zealand team-mate, who has returned to the Sydney club, Canterbury, after scoring five tries in 21 appearances.

Cowan, who will partner Kevin Ward, the Great Britain forward, in St Helens' front row, should be available for the home league game against Warrington on Friday week.

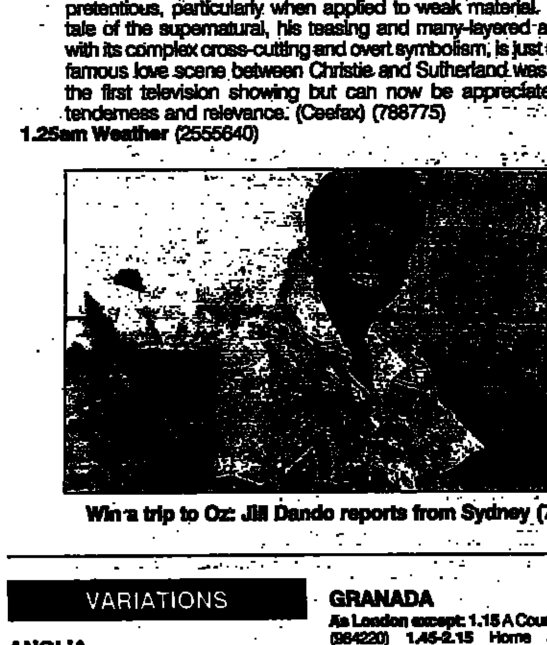
The annual Oxford-Cambridge University match, which has been held at Headingley for the last five years, has been switched to Crystal Palace, home of the second division side, London Crusaders, on March 9.

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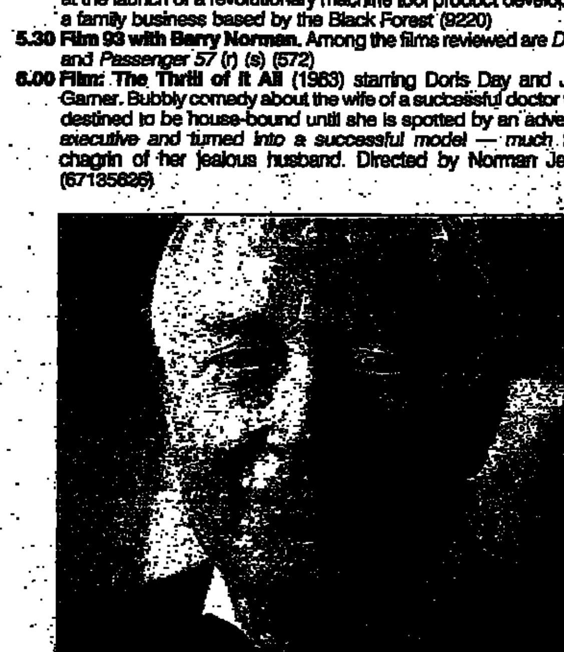
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6.00 Business Breakfast (29125) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (72340387)
9.05 Kilroy (9753249) **9.45 Ross King**. Game show (s) (3848591)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4364713) **10.05 Playdays**. For the very young (r) (s) (2914442)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick (66846299)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Music and chat hosted by Alan Titchmarsh (s) (3098249) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (24755881)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (48046)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (58593510) **1.50 First Letter First**. Word game show presented by Don Maclean (58504626)
2.15 Film: Bullwhip (1958) starring Rhonda Fleming and Guy Madison. Western about a woman who makes a marriage of convenience with a condemned man. Directed by Harmon Jones (6145336)
3.30 Cartoon (9757978) **3.50 Pinocchio** (r) (9751794) **4.15 Jackanory.** Paul Merton with part two of the story *Misery Guts* (r) (9298249) **4.25 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (9272201) **4.35 Hangar 17.** Fun and games and music show introduced by Mickey Hutton (3637065)
5.00 Newsround (6847959) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Children's drama serial. (Ceefax) (s) (8582959)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (505133). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Weather (171)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (423). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Holiday presented by Jill Dando and Eamonn Holmes from the BBC Holiday Live exhibition. (Ceefax) (s) (1442)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (607)
8.00 Citizen Smith. After their brief sojourn behind bars Wolfie and his few followers return to Tooting (r). (Ceefax) (7862)
8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Ian Woosnam, Mary Thomson, Peter Reid and David Grindley. (Ceefax) (s) (6997)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4133)
9.30 Spender. Jimmy Nail stars as the unconventional undercover Geordie detective. (Ceefax) (s) (205881). Wales: Week In Week Out 10.00 Spender
10.20 Omnibus: A Song of Summer (b/w)
● CHOICE: The *Omnibus* retrospective continues with Ken Russell's 1968 study of the blind and paralysed Frederick Delius and his young amanuensis Eric Fenby. It is one of the best things Russell has done. Instead of trying to shock us with flashy technique and comic-strip dialogue, he proceeds in a cool and reflective manner, respecting the subject and allowing it space to breathe. There are three fine performances. Max Adrian plays Delius as a testy and difficult old man whose physical decline is counterpointed with the triumphant splendour of his music. Christopher Gable is the earnest Fenby and David Collings gives a playful interpretation of the eccentric Percy Grainger. The film is sometimes funny, often sad and very moving (r). (Ceefax) (9603688). Northern Ireland: Home Truths 11.15-1.00am Film: Don't Look Now; Wales 10.55 Omnibus 12.10am-1.55 Film: Don't Look Now
11.40 Film: Don't Look Now (1973)
● CHOICE: Nicolas Roeg's masterly thriller is taken from a Daphne du Maurier story about a couple who lose their small daughter in a drowning accident, refuse to accept she is dead and are haunted by her during a trip to Italy. Donald Sutherland and Julie Christie are excellent as the troubled parents and the city of Venice, filmed in its winter bleakness, provides a haunting backdrop. But it is a director's film. Roeg's elaborate narrative technique can seem pretentious, particularly when applied to weak material. But for a tale of the supernatural, his teasing and many-layered approach, with its complex cross-cutting and overt symbolism, is just right. The famous love scene between Christie and Sutherland was cut from the first television showing but can now be appreciated for its tenderness and relevance. (Ceefax) (788775)
1.25am Weather (2555640)


Win a trip to Oz: Jill Dando reports from Sydney (7.00pm)

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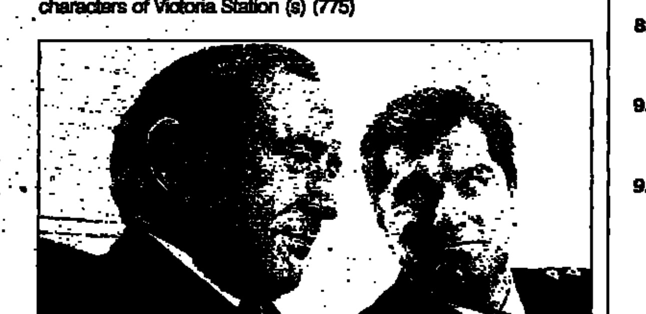
8.00 Breakfast News (4939607)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses (9393317)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (94963794) followed by **You and Me** (r) (25977930) **2.15 Science and Society.** The benefits of ultrasound (r) (25997794) **2.30 See Hear!** Magazine series for the hard of hearing (s) (884)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9865336) followed by **Westminster Live** introduced by Iain Macwhirter and John Cole (8737152) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather (9423125)
4.00 Catchword. Word association game hosted by Paul Coia (s) (336)
4.30 Behind the Headlines with John Diamond (s) (220)
5.00 Germany Means Business. Series looking behind the scenes of the most successful economy in Europe. This week's programme is at the launch of a revolutionary machine tool product developed by a family business based by the Black Forest (9220)
5.30 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Dracula* and *Passenger 57* (r) (s) (572)
6.00 Film: The Thrill of It All (1963) starring Doris Day and James Garner. Bubbly comedy about the wife of a successful doctor who is destined to be house-bound until she is spotted by an advertising executive and turned into a successful model — *much to the chagrin of her jealous husband.* Directed by Norman Jewison (67135625)


Speaking for a future America: actor Don Fellows (7.45pm)

7.45 Europe on the Brink.
● CHOICE: The three-part *Assignment* special ends intriguingly with a drama-documentary predicting world events for the next 20 years. The scenario is so frightening some may feel it is not worth living that long. But we are assured that the guesses are based on plausible projections. For Britain the film sees an economic crash in 1996, putting five million out of work and leading to a coalition government. Europe finally unites, with Germany as the dominant element. Russia collapses, sending millions of refugees to the west. The United States goes into economic decline and joins with Canada and Mexico. By 2013 the new American state and the European Federation are on a collision course over oil rights in the Arctic. Sceptics will do well to get the programme on video and see how much of it turns out to be true (267828)
8.30 Food and Drink. Includes the recipe to an alternative Vienna schnitzel using turkey escalopes (s) (4539)
9.00 Police Squad. Spoof American detective series starring Leslie Nielsen as an incompetent cop, this week investigating the death of a judge killed by an exploding gavel (r) (728404)
9.25 The Ark: Natural Selection. Series looking behind the scenes at the embattled London Zoo. After the enforced redundancy of keepers it is now the turn of the animals, and the curator Dr Jo Gipps has to lose more than a third of the zoo's collection. (Ceefax) (s) (703607)
10.25 Fifth Column: Sir Peter Imbert, the retiring Metropolitan Police commissioner, gives a personal perspective on the role of the police (657997)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (238539)
11.15 The Late Show. Paul Greengrass, co-author of *Spycatcher*, reports from the KGB archives on the marketing of that organisation's files to the world's media (s) (365317)
11.55 Behind the Headlines (r) (s) (297572)
12.25am Weather (5837843). Ends at **12.30**
2.00-4.00 Nightschool TV. Geography — Soviet Union and After (959669)

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV with Michael Wilson and Fiona Armstrong. The guests include Paul McCartney (7189423)
9.25 Runway. Quiz game show hosted by Richard Madeley (9323249) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2990862)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... A topical discussion (2564633)
10.35 This Morning. Magazine series (64651978)
12.10 Wizadora. Puppet series (9326862)
12.30 Lunchtime News. (Teletext) Weather (4350341) **1.05 London Today.** (Teletext) Weather (64328268)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (984220) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (983591)
2.15 It's a Vet's Life presented by John Baxter and Jane Beckwith. Includes a visit to a seal sanctuary and an incubation unit for puppies and kittens (975572) **2.45 Families.** Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s) (7493201)
3.10 ITN News headlines (9876442) **3.15 London Today.** (Teletext) Weather (9875713) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (s) (6759143)
3.50 Rod 'n' Emu. Animation (r) (9328571) **4.00 Toucan Tecs** (s) (5871336) **4.15 Count Duckula.** With the voices of David Jason and Ruby Wax (8065572) **4.40 Oasis.** *Drama series about a group* of young people who frequent a south London wasteland site. (Teletext) (s) (1407238)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (3194881)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Teletext) Weather (146539)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (65152)
7.00 Emmerdale. Yorkshire village soap. (Teletext) (6510)
7.30 A Day in the Life ... Desmond Wilcox explores the character and characters of Victoria Station (s) (775)


Police conference: Ben Roberts and Colin Tarrant (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Shock to the System. Ch Supt Brownlow returns from holiday to discover that a community liaison officer has been appointed. (Ceefax) (2930)
8.30 The Cook Report. The intrepid Roger Cook brings another dodgy individual or company to the attention of the public (1065)
9.00 Full Stretch. Comedy series about a luxury car hire company. Starring Kevin McNally and Reece Dinsdale. (Teletext) (1733)
10.00 News at Ten. (Teletext) Weather (47268) **10.30 London Tonight.** (Teletext) Weather (850107)
10.40 Viewpoint 93: Murder in Mind.
● CHOICE: A documentary about serial killers opens with a question we would all like to have answered: why do people murder for the thrill of it? Unfortunately we get no explanations, not even from the notorious Bob Berdella who killed and mutilated his victims and put their remains in dustbin bags. But at least his interview is a coup since it was his only public utterance and he died two months later. *Murder in Mind* is much more about how serial killers are apprehended, with emphasis on the developing technique of psychological profiling. Instead of looking for physical clues, police call in academic experts to build up a portrait of the offender. The informed guesses, about age, marital status, occupation and so on often prove to be surprisingly accurate. The film draws its material from Britain, the United States and Russia (327862)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian women-behind-bars drama (353607)
12.30am The Little Picture Show. The latest video releases reviewed (65114)
1.30 Film: Up the Junction (1967) starring Suzy Kendall and Dennis Waterman. A poor little rich girl leaves the comfort of her parents' Chelsea home to see how the other half lives in a run down area of London south of the river. Directed by Peter Collinson (35824)
3.30 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (82379)
4.00 The Beat. Music series presented by Gary Crowley (r) (s) (78669)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French soap following the fluctuating fortunes of the aristocratic de Courcey dynasty (43843)
5.30 ITN Morning News (32176). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon series (2992317)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (61997)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (24317)
9.30 Schools (610591)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Anne Perkins with news of business from both Houses (37881)
12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (90539) **1.30 Lift Off.** Children's entertainment (54046)
2.00 Film: She Married Her Boss (1935, b/w) starring Claudette Colbert and Melvyn Douglas. Vintage Hollywood comedy about a super-efficient secretary who manages to lead her widower boss up the aisle only to discover that married life is not what she thought. Directed by Gregory LaCava (641133)
3.35 Islanders (b/w). A GPO documentary, made in 1939, about life on Britain's islands (9749959)
3.55 Waterways. Dick Warner continues his exploration of Ireland's canals (1000274)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers. (Teletext) (s) (688)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. *The guests are people who have left their impoverished partner for someone with money* (s) (2338775)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Vintage children's entertainment, narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (654249)
6.00 Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien introduces another six contestants to the game of skill, strength and intellect (r) (s) (63794)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (586336)
7.50 Comment (193268)
8.00 Decisions, Decisions. Anne Kelleher considers the dilemma of women who are giving up their baby for adoption (4012)
8.30 Operation Hospital. The fourth of the six-part series about a year in the life of one of London's teaching hospitals — King's College Hospital. *Tonight the Princess Royal opens the new day surgery unit.* (Teletext) (9607)
9.00 For Love or Money. Nicholas Ward-Jackson offers viewers advice on the collecting habit. Jeremy Paxman talks about his love of stuffed fish and there is an interview with the art-collecting German industrialist Peter Ludwig (162336)
9.45 Photo Romans: Berlin — a Double Edge. An outspoken German politician's life is in danger. Is it from his wife or the mob? (981171)


A romance in Florence: Helena Bonham Carter (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: A Room With a View (1985) starring Maggie Smith, Helena Bonham Carter and Denholm Elliott. James Ivory's sumptuous adaptation of E.M. Forster's novel about a young Englishwoman's sensual awakening in the Tuscan countryside. (Teletext) (s) (94581882)
12.05am Dream On. Adult comedy series following the romantic life of a divorced New York publisher. Starring Brian Benben (5312911)
12.40 Green Cop Rocker. A profile of Chris Byrne, a New York Irish policeman by day and a rock musician by night (s) (9048534)

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (6759143) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3194881) **6.00** Home and Away (926978) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (436930) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (775) **12.35** McCloud (927008) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3631089) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (5262553) **4.20** Pop Profile (83903973) **4.30** Riviera (65553) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (43843)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (6759143) **6.00** Lookaround (539) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (591) **7.30-8.00** Ambulance (775) **12.35** McCloud (927008) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3631089) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (5262553) **4.20** Pop Profile (839003973) **4.30** Riviera (65553) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (43843)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (984220) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (983591) **3.20-3.50** GP (6759143) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3194881) **6.00** Home and Away (926978) **6.25-7.00** Central News (436930) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (775) **11.40** *Film: Calamity Jane* (706171) **1.25** Kojak (9058911) **2.25** The Big E (4853176) **3.20** Sport AM (5358282) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (4821447)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (984220) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (983591) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (7493201) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (6759143) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (3194881) **6.00** Home and Away (539) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (591) **7.30-8.00** House Style (775) **12.35** McCloud (927008) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3631089) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (5263282) **4.20** Pop Profile (27499992) **4.30** Riviera (65553) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (43843)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (983591) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (6759143) **6.00** HTV News (539) **6.30-7.00** Good Health! (591) **7.30-8.00** Channel Traders (775) **12.35** McCloud (927008) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3631089) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (5262553) **4.20** Pop Profile (83903973) **4.30** Riviera (65553) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (43843)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** 4 x 4 **7.30-8.00** On the Road with Elinor.

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (6759143) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (539) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (591) **7.30-8.00** Ambulance! (775) **11.40** Future Perfect (228442). **12.10-12.30** Coach (6892911) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (43843)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (6759143) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (539) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (591) **7.30-8.00** Love at First Sight (775) **11.40** Tour of Duty (742442) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (1278756) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (9060756) **2.05** 60 Minutes (4842060) **2.55** Countdown (4191008) **3.55** Disaster Chronicles (86258737) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (4621447)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (983591) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (65152) **7.30-8.00** Bon Voyage (775) **11.40** Crime Story (742442) **12.35** McCloud (927008) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3631089) **3.25** The ITV Chart Show (5262553) **4.20** Pop Profile (83903973) **4.30** Riviera (65553) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (43843)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (983591) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (6759143) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (65152) **7.30-8.00** Members Only (775) **12.35** McCloud (927008) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3631089) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (5262553) **4.20** Pop Profile (83903973) **4.30** Riviera (65553) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (43843)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (6759143) **5.55** Calendar (389065) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (591) **7.30-8.00** Love at First Sight (775) **11.40** Tour of Duty (742442) **12.35** Comedy Tonight (1278756) **1.05** The Little Picture Show (9060756) **2.05** 60 Minutes (4842060) **2.55** Count Down (4191008) **3.55** Disaster Chronicles: Hartford Circus Fire (86258737) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (4621447)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (61997) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (24317) **9.30** Schools (610591) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (37881) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (55775) **1.00** Lift Off (64084) **1.30** Island That Came Back To Life. A Survival documentary about St Kilda, Britain's furthest off-shore island (54046) **2.00** The Late Late Show (35084) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show: The Betty Broderick Murder Case (9827305) **3.50** Smile For Auntie (9968046) **3.55** Happy Days (6030602) **4.25** Slot 23 (5350602) **5.00** Countdown (1888) **5.30** Moviewatch (288) **6.00** News (379046) **6.10** Heno (757442) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4152) **7.30** Mas O Diwn (317) **8.00** Stell (4012) **8.30** News (220077) **8.55** Llefior (8193794) **10.05** The Golden Girls (865794) **10.35** The Sexual Imperative (326133) **11.35** The Avengers: Immortal Clay (441201) **12.35** For Love or Money (8426244) **1.20** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (45746794) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (8342930) **9.10** Cartoons (1465978) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (17539) **10.00** Strike It Rich (58959) **10.30** The Bold and the Beautiful (79881) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (77572) **12.00** Falcon Crest (90862) **1.00pm** E Street (88888) **1.30** Another World (2907323) **2.15** Santa Barbara (520046) **2.45** Maude (529317) **3.15** The New Leave It To Beaver (519930) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (6236978) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2713) **6.00** Rescue (9855) **6.30** E Street (5797) **7.00** Alf (3442) **7.30** Family Ties (9591) **8.00** Seinfeld (9862) **8.30** Anything But Love (8997) **9.00** Murphy Brown (20539) **9.30** Gabriel's Fire (81268) **10.30** Studs (70510) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (98065) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (4211442)
10.00 The Odessa File (1974): Adaptation of Frederick Forsyth's thriller (47863959)
12.10pm The Angel Levine (1970): Harry Belafonte watches over Jewish tailor Zero Mostel (935797)
2.00 Mrs Pollifax — Spy (1971): Rosalind Russell is hired by the CIA (56442)
4.00 The Invasion of Johnson County (1976): Comedy western (97813930)
5.35 The Odessa File (as 10am) (56472084)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (327688)
8.00 Communion (1989): Christopher Walken, as writer Whitley Strieber, has close encounters with aliens (48423)
10.00 Cover-Up (1991): Reporter Dolph Lundgren uncovers a CIA plot (586084)
11.35 Angel Town (1990): An exchange student has hidden talents (321404)
1.20am From Hollywood to Deadwood (1988): Two private detectives track an actress to South Dakota (122992)
2.55 Graveyard Shift (1990): Killer rats plague a textile mill (5318869)
4.25 A Perfect Little Murder (1990): Teri Garr moves to the suburbs with husband Robert Urich and overhears a neighbour plotting murder (262468). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Murderer's Row (1966): Spy spoof starring Dean Martin as a secret agent on a mission to rescue Ann-Margret (13030)
8.00 A Private Function (1985): Alan Bennett's post-war comedy (99838591)
9.45 Full Moon High (1981): Adam Arkin turns into a werewolf (514065). Ends at **11.15**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am Yabba-Dabba Doo Celebration. Cartoon with the Flintstones (84440152)
8.50 Man of a Thousand Faces (1957): James Cagney as Lon Chaney (79453317)
11.00 Columbo: Murder of a Rock Star (1991). Starring Peter Falk (33442)
1.00pm The Princess Comes Across (1936, b/w): Carole Lombard poses as a princess on a cruise liner (55862)
3.00 Yabba-Dabba Doo Celebration (as 7am) (97522046)
4.50 Players (1979): Tennis hustler Dean Paul Martin meets Ali MacGraw (92465626)
7.00 Waiting for the Light (1990): Shirley MacLaine performs a miracle (85591)
9.00 Too Hot to Handle (1991): Neil Simon comedy starring Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as tempestuous lovers (45336)
11.00 The Comfort of Strangers (1990): Christopher Walken tracks Rupert Everett and Natasha Richardson through the streets of Venice (441572)
12.50am Hostile Witness (1968): Ray Milland is charged with murdering his own daughter (562195)
2.40 Hardware (1990): A killer robot stalks Stacy Travis (25077718)
***5.00 Salome** (1953): Rita Hayworth plays the princess who danced for the head of John the Baptist* (75447). Ends at **7.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (14715) **7.00** Red Line (73572) **8.00** Surfing Pro Tour (74201) **9.00** Stretch (47881) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (74423) **10.00** Boots and All (31794) **11.00** FA Cup Football (51862) **1.00pm** Australian Open Tennis (5829713) **5.00** Boots and All (4713) **6.00** Soccer News (805133) **6.03** WWF Royal Rumble (677046) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (94626) **11.00** Australian Open Tennis (98862) **1.00am** Motor World (72466) **1.30-2.00** World Sports Special (81927)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Step Aerobics (69626) **8.30** Skiing (14959) **10.30** Step Aerobics (38133) **11.00** Ski Jumping (46626) **12.00** Eurogoals (82442) **1.00pm** Speed Skating (68862) **2.00** Skiing (98442) **4.00** Ski Jumping (42775) **5.00** Eurogoals (9881) **6.00** Indoor Football (11591) **7.30** Billiards (97404) **8.30** News (5065) **9.00** Kick Boxing (99171) **10.00** Boxing (30626) **11.30-12.00** News (16997)

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Surfing (21317) **7.30** Sailing (38152) **8.00** Indoor Hockey (12341) **9.00** Ten Pin Bowling (32084) **10.00** Squash (39336) **11.00** Water Ski Tour (64997) **11.30** Ice Hockey (52591) **1.30pm** Off Road Racing (75152) **2.00** Top Match Football (78588) **4.00** Monster Trucks (4404) **4.30** Squash (55220) **5.30** Football Europa (64442) **6.30** NFL American Bowl 1993 (37602) **8.30** Pro Box (53997) **10.30** Snooker (84220) **12.30-1.00am** Global Adventure Sport (83350)

LIFESTYLE
10.00am The Spiral Zone (18355) **10.30** Rambo (36775) **11.00** Gloss (58065) **11.30** Joan Rivers (8424607) **12.15pm** Sally Jessy Raphael (1750881) **1.10** David Hamilton's People (77915404) **1.40** Sell-a-Vision (42634862) **2.10** Braken (1395715) **3.00** The New Newlywed Game (6171) **3.30** Burns and Allen (3715) **4.00** Dick Van Dyke (9572) **4.30** Gameshows (57688) **5.30** Sell-a-Vision (9336) **6.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (86268) **7.00** Sell-a-Vision (679404) **10.00** Videos (1068355) **2.30am** Top Five (89805)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57542084) **6.15** Button Moon (57547539) **6.30** The All New Popeye Show (8621997) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (2084775) **7.30** Neighbours (2096510) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5649626) **8.30** EastEnders (5646997) **9.00** The Bill (5639249) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (89675911) **10.30** Casualty (5626607) **11.30** Terry and June (4364107) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (5642713) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7304152) **1.00** EastEnders (2083046) **1.30** The Bill (5623152) **2.30** Bread (7413959) **3.00** Dallas (3030853) **4.00** Beverly Hills Teens (7437539) **4.30** Degrassi Junior High (7426423) **5.00** Neighbours (1619572) **5.30** Dr Who: The Seeds of Death (7417775) **6.00** When the Boat Comes In (7312171) **7.00** Porridge (1639336) **7.00** Porridge (1639336) **7.30** Terry and June (7427152) **8.00** EastEnders (1648084) **8.30** Bread (16275911) **9.00** Casualty (1420442) **10.00** The Bill (5643442) **10.30** Ripping Yarns (5629862) **11.00** Dick Emery (6364387) **11.30** Film: Kitty Foyle (1950, b/w): Ginger Rogers plans to marry but is distracted by a former boyfriend. With Dennis Morgan (5826930) **1.30-2.00am** Video Bites (8711992)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Piers Burton-Page, including Haydn (Symphony No 17 in F: Ensemble 13 under Manfred Reichert); Britten (Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra: LSO under the composer); Honegger (Pacific 231: Czech PO under Vaclav Neumann) Mozart (Fantasy in D minor, K397: Walter Gieseking, piano)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Monteverdi and the Poets — Rinuccini. Consort of Musicke performs Monteverdi's settings of poems by Rinuccini
9.45 Morning Sequence: Brahms (Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115: Jack Brymer; Prometheus Ensemble); Copland (Sextet: Boston Symphony Chamber Players); Dvořák (American Suite, Op 98b: Royal Liverpool PO under Libor Pesek); Copland (Duo: Leone Buyse, flute, Gilbert Kalish, piano); Brahms (Piano Quartet in C minor, Op 60: Boston Symphony Chamber Players)
12.00 Birmingham Early Music Festival: Tallis Scholars under Peter Phillips perform Phillips (Ecce vicit Leo); Dering (Factum est silentium); Dowland (I shame at mine unworthiness); Morley (Laboravi in gemitu meo); Philips (Ave Jesu Christe; Ascendit Deus); Palestrina (Missa Ut re mi fa so la) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Royal Scottish Orchestra under Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, with Elena Prokina, soprano, Neal Davies, bass-baritone, performs Tchaikovsky (Fantasy Overture, Hamlet); Prokofiev (Incidental music, Hamlet); Shostakovich, arr Rozhdestvensky (Concert scenario, Hamlet)
2.25 Castalian Band: Lorna Anderson, soprano, Richard Gwilt, violin, Imogen Seth-Smith, cello, and Lucy Carolan, harpsichord, perform Montéclair (Cantata, Europe); F. Couperin (Allemande, La Raphaele); Montéclair (Cantata: La mort de Didon) (r)
3.00 Haydn and Early Beethoven: Paul Berkowitz, piano, plays Haydn (Sonata in E flat, H XVI 52); Beethoven (Sonata in F minor, Op 2 No 1)
3.45 BBC Welsh SO under Nicholas Cleobury performs Haug (Poème patetica); Sibelius (Symphony No 3 in C)
4.30 The Myth Maker: The American record producer George Avakian talks about his work with Duke Ellington
5.00 In Tune: Anthony Burton presents music, news and weather. His guest is the pianist Nikolai Demidenko
7.30 BBC Scottish SO under Takuo Yuasa, with Ameral Gunson, mezzo, performs Hindemith (Symphonic Metamorphosis on themes of Carl Maria von Weber); Mahler (Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen); Walton (Symphony No 1)
9.00 Latin Lovers: Stolen Property, written and narrated by Frederic Raphael
9.20 Scribes and Scholars: New London Consort under Philip Pickett performs music from the monasteries of medieval Europe. Anon (Hebet sidus); Philip the Chancellor (Pater Sancte Dictus Lotharius); Walter of Chatillon (Licet Eger Cum Egrotis); Philip the Chancellor (Ad Cor Tuum Revertere); Anon (Sic mea fata); Anon (Samson Dux Fortissime) (r)
10.05 Le Jardin de Monet
● CHOICE: Here is another chance to hear Katherine Wolpe playing the nine-movement piano work that Iain Hamilton wrote for her after visiting Monet's house and garden in Giverny, Normandy. But, as Hamilton explains tonight in introducing the recital, he was attempting something more complex than a musical translation of Monet's paintings of the flowers in a garden much visited by both nature lovers and Monet devotees
10.45 Night Waves, presented by Robert Hewison
11.30 Prokofiev — The Ballets: Montreal SO under Charles Dutoit performs excerpts from Romeo and Juliet
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as R5 at 1.05pm)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 News; John Cole in the Lakes (FM only) (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Screwtape Letters (LW only): Letters from a Senior to a Junior Devil, by C.S. Lewis. With Gerald Harper (9/15)
10.30 Woman's Hour samples winter soups, talks to Joanna Lumley about her new book, and to 11-year-old rugby player Sophie Cox. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now: Geoff Watts follows a day in the life of an intensive care unit
12.00 You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm The Older Woman: Zoë Wanamaker, Martin Clunes and Toyah Wilcox star in Tony Bagley's comedy about unfulfilled love (s) **12.55 Weather**
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: A Perfect Match. Lesley Dunlop and Struan Rodger star in Carmela Osman's play about computer dating (s)
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the percussionist James Blades (r) (s)
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only): Joanna Buchan looks at a case of mistaken identity, a secret garden and a man who bared all (s)
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews BBC2's *Screen Two* season; *The Penguin Book of the Beats*; an album of political songs from Cuba; and an exhibition by five up-and-coming photographers in Bath (s)
4.45 Short Story: Weeds, by Ruth Rendell. Read by David Holt
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Second Thoughts, by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie. Starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (r) (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 File on 4, with Mark Halliley
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The Miles Kington Interview
● CHOICE: Addicts of Sherlock Holmes on television will appreciate the piquancy of the situation. Edward Hardwicke, the television Watson, impersonates Conan Doyle tonight and expresses his reluctance to talk to Kington about the famous sleuth. Yet, as the world knows, but for Watson's eagerness to chronicle Holmes's cases, we would never have heard of the sleuth. Hardwicke is even more tight-lipped about the spirit world, wasting a marvellous chance to reveal whether Conan Doyle's confidence in the after-life proved to be misplaced
8.45 In Touch: Tony Barringer introduces a report on the treatments available for cataracts
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Lesley Curwen (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Thus Was Adonis Murdered, by Sarah Caudwell. Second of a ten-part adaptation by Neville Teller (s)
11.00 Stanza: On Stage. Andrew McAllister introduces Liz Lochead, who performs a selection of her poetry before an audience at the Queen Margaret Union, University of Glasgow (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: FM-90.2-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Classic FM: FM-100-102.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.00** Mark Goodier's Mega Hits **6.30** News '93 **7.00** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **9.00** The Record Producers: Glyn Johns worked with the Beatles, the Stones, the Small Faces and The Who (1/2) (r) **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** An Actor's Life for Me, by Paul Mayhew-Archer **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Magnificently Improper: The Story of the Waltz (r) **10.00** Such Sweet Harmony **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Jazz Parade **12.35** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **11.30** BFBS Worldwide **12.30pm** A Century Remembered. Fear and Fascism. Robert Kee's portrait of the decade 1920-1930 (r) **1.05** Schools: Infant Science — See for Yourself; **1.20** First Steps in Drama; **1.40** Wordplay; **1.50** Singing Together; **2.10** Time to Move **2.30** A Game of Two Halves with John Inverdale and Frances Edmonds **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** The Green Blob Sensation, by Elizabeth Lindsay (2/5) **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot with John Cavenagh, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

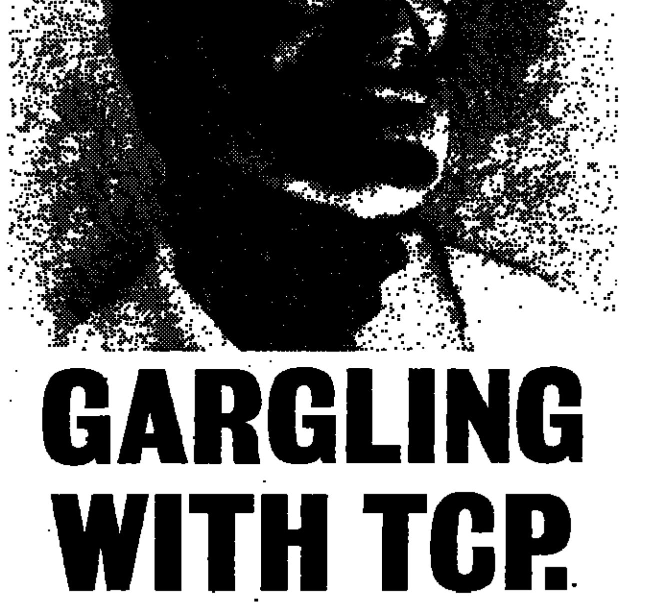
WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.14** Travel **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** News Ideas **7.50** Writers in a Nutshell **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Under Threat **9.30** Images of Britain **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** Discovery **10.30** Unravelling Ravel **11.00** Newsdesk **11.28** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: Titus Groan **2.45** Musical Mavericks **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News and Business Report **5.14** Travel **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.10** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Concert Hall **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Travelling Tales **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '93 **3.00** World News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Images of Britain

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Kumar voted out at Birmingham

Clough attempts to persuade his son to stay at Forest

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRIAN Clough yesterday rejected any suggestion that he was ready to end his managerial career as he stepped up efforts to prevent the break-up of his Nottingham Forest team even before their troubled season has been completed.

With Forest stranded at the foot of the Premier League, Clough's team-building at the City Ground is under threat from a number of leading players who are ready to demand transfers if the club is relegated. Last night, he admitted that his son, Nigel, is among those he is hoping will sign a new contract when his present deal expires at the end of the season.

"I think he might have been hanging on to see what I am going to do," the Forest manager said. "That's nice of him, but I will be telling him this: I will be sticking around for a long time yet and I would like him to stay, too.

"I am talking as a manager and not as his father. Outside the perimeter of this club, he is my son, but inside he is just the guy who wears the No. 9 shirt and he happens to be quite good at it.

"He's a player of talent and the only centre forward we have got, so it's important to our team that he stays here. He's never said to me that he does not want to stay and I think he has always been happy here."

Clough is clearly hoping that assurances about his future commitment to Forest, where he has been since January 1978, will be enough to persuade his leading players to sign new contracts. A number of clubs would be quick to step in with offer for Clough Jr if he rejected a new deal at the City Ground: Liverpool have been linked with him.

Roy Keane is another player who has been at the centre of transfer speculation, with, among others, Real Madrid, Sevilla, Manchester United, Liverpool and Lazio ready to offer as much as £5 million for his services. Clough hopes the 21-year-old Republic of Ireland international will sign a new contract before the end of the season. The England captain, Stuart Pearce, is unlikely to remain at the club if Forest fail to pull away from the relegation zone.

Aston Villa last night refuted claims by Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, that he had been struck by stones thrown from the crowd during Saturday's FA Cup fourth-round tie at Villa Park. Kinnear said after the game that he had been hit on the back after an incident on the field involving Vinnie Jones, the Wimbledon midfield player, but yesterday Steve Stride, the Villa club secretary, said: "We are disputing the suggestion that any stones were thrown.

"We inspected the area around the dug-out and found nothing. It's difficult to imagine where anyone would find stones to throw because our pre-match security check includes removing anything that can be deemed a dangerous object and all supporters are searched coming into the ground."

Samesh Kumar was voted out of office as chairman of Birmingham City by shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting of the club yesterday. Kumar and his brothers — vice-chairman Ramesh and club director Bimal — were voted off the St Andrews' board after four years at Birmingham.

The meeting was called by the receivers acting for the Kumars' collapsed clothing business, which owned 84 per cent of the shareholding in the first division club. Jack Wiseman, another director of the club, will serve as acting chairman until new owners are installed.

Manchester City yesterday signed the Norwegian international midfield player, Kare Ingebrigsten, for £600,000 after obtaining a work permit for the player from the Department of Employment. The former Rosenberg player, who played for Norway in their recent 1-1 World Cup draw against England at Wembley, could be on the bench for City in tonight's Premier League visit to Oldham.

Almost as soon as the signing of Ingebrigsten was confirmed, Blackburn Rovers said they were preparing to sign the full back, Henning Berg, from Lillestrom for £400,000. A work permit has already been granted for the player.

The Leeds United full back, Mel Sterland, 31, is expected to miss the rest of the season after being told he needs an operation on his right ankle. It will be the second he has undergone this season.

The Football League yesterday agreed a tea-time kick-off for the Coca-Cola Cup final to help ITV solve a scheduling dilemma. The final at Wembley on Sunday, April 18 coincides with the finals of the world rugby sevens in Scotland and the channel wants to broadcast both events live. The final, which was due to begin at 3pm, will instead kick-off at 5pm.

The FA Cup fifth-round tie between Sheffield United and Manchester United will be screened live by BBC television on Sunday, February 14.

GRAHAM CHADWICK



View from the boundary: Devon Malcolm, the England fast bowler, relaxes in Cuttack yesterday after a hostile spell of bowling against an Indian Under-25 XI. Malcolm took three wickets in four balls to bring an end to the Under-25 XI's first innings. Report, page 40

Reynolds threat to titles

Raleigh, North Carolina: Any attempt by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to suspend Harry "Butch" Reynolds further could jeopardise the United States' participation in the world indoor athletics championships in Toronto in March, Brad Hunt, Reynolds's agent, has said.

"This whole issue is going to blow up in Toronto," Hunt said. "If the IAAF says Butch cannot compete in the world championships, then the United States can't go unless USA Track and Field [USATF] wants to defy a court order."

The IAAF council on Saturday gave Reynolds, the world 400 metres record-holder, one month to stop legal action against it and to withdraw his allegations of misconduct over a 1990 positive drugs test that resulted in his being suspended for the past two years.

Reynolds did not intend to apologise to the IAAF, Hunt said. A 1992 US federal court order enjoined the IAAF and USATF from suspending Reynolds.

Cup draw has sobering effect on St Peter's

BY ROBERT COLE

AFTER the glory of sinking Cardiff, the biggest club in Welsh rugby, St Peter's were brought down to earth by yesterday's Swalec Cup draw, which produced only a fellow third-division club as sixth-round opponents.

"Any of the big clubs at home would suit us," Lawrence O'Brien, the St Peter's coach, said before the balls were pulled out of the bag.

What they got was one of those ties that is hard to evaluate, against Bony Maen, who have already beaten them in the Heineken League this season. For both clubs it is the furthest excursion they have made in the competition and their pairing means there will be a third division side in the quarter-finals.

"It's a home draw against a side we know very well and we have got a good chance to progress," O'Brien said. "They beat us narrowly at home in the league but there wasn't a great deal in it. It's about time we had a bit of recognition at St Peter's and we'll be looking forward to the next round."

Bony Maen were the surprise package of the cup a few seasons ago, when they knocked out Maesteg. One member of their side is Malcolm Dacey, the former Wales and Swansea stand-off, who reached the final with Swansea, while Glen Ball, the coach, played in the inaugural final with Neath in 1972 and was in charge during the team's great days in the 1980s.

"We are under pressure because St Peter's are full of confidence, and rightly so after what happened last weekend," Ball said.

The shock waves surrounding St Peter's 16-14 triumph at the Arms Park were still reverberating around the Welsh rugby circuit last night.

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Sixth round
Neath v Talywain
South Wales Police v Swansea
St Peter's v Bony Maen
Pontypool v Pontypridd or Pencoed
Bridgend v Llandovery
Llanelli v Newbridge
Newport v Cardiff Harlequins
Dunvant v Cross Keys
Ties to be played on February 27

To see the five-times winners get it so wrong was a salutory warning against complacency to the leading clubs and an encouragement to the remainder.

The attitude was epitomised by Gareth Williams, the Newbridge coach, whose struggling first division side got the draw that nobody wanted, away to Llanelli, the holders. "Alex Evans [the Cardiff coach] isn't here tonight for the draw, but we are," he said. "We will look forward to the game, and hope to do a St Peter's on them."

South Wales Police and Swansea will meet in the same round, and at the same venue, for the second successive season. Cardiff Harlequins, the remaining Cardiff side, are away to Newport.

Confident Waterloo, page 42
Cardiff clear-out, page 42

Speed test gets under way

Brest, France: Olivier de Kersauson yesterday beat French and British rivals to the start of the race to be the first yachtsman to circumnavigate the world in 80 days.

De Kersauson and his four crew set off in the world's biggest trimaran, the 92-foot Charal, from a start-line at the entrance to Brest.

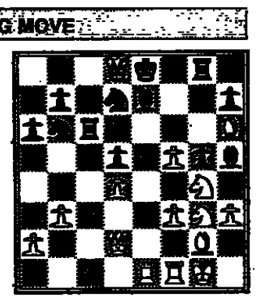
The British yachtsman, Robin Knox-Johnston, with the New Zealand racer, Peter Blake, and Bruno Peyron, from France, will compete in their own vessels for the Jules Verne Trophy. Their starting-line is in the Atlantic, but they are still waiting for the right weather conditions.

The World Sailing Speed Record Council has recognised the attempts. The record circumnavigation by Titouan Lamazou, from France, is 109 days 8hr 48min, set during the Globe Challenge race in 1991. *(AFP)*

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

If Nigel pulls through in his current match against Timman he will do battle with Gary Kasparov for the world title. However, their previous encounters have been heavily in Kasparov's favour and today's position is an example. Kasparov — Short, Thessaloniki 1988. Black resigned here. Could he not struggle on with 1 ... Bxg4?



Solution on page 40

WORD WATCH

By PHILIP HOWARD

SWIDDEN
a. Drunk
b. A pigsty
c. Land cleared for cultivation

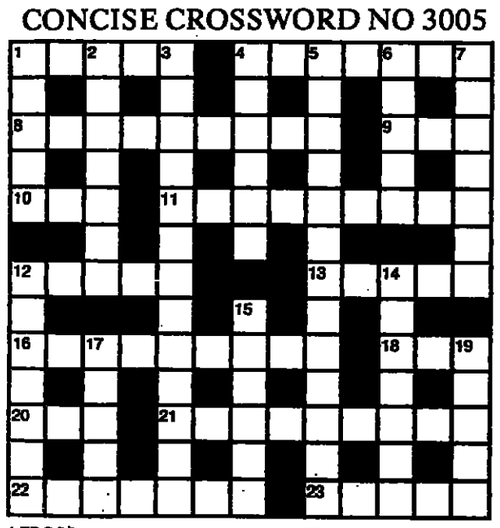
PAC
a. In spite of
b. A moccasin
c. Parliamentary Arbitration Committee

BACULUM
a. A bribe
b. The penis-bone
c. A back chimney

KERMESSE
a. A Turkish chickpea dip
b. A circuit race
c. A late harvest

Answers on page 40

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3005



ACROSS
1 Skewered dish (5)
4 Perplexed (7)
8 Declaration (9)
9 Gearwheel tooth (3)
10 Buzz (3)
11 Town/country zone (5,4)
12 Card numbers game (5)
13 Striped cat (5)
16 Largest old English county (9)
18 Formic insect (3)
20 Curious (3)
21 Courteous man (9)
22 Pushes forcefully (7)
23 Circumference (5)

DOWN
1 Two-masted vessel (5)
2 Kalahari native (7)
3 Venice prison route (6,2,5)
4 Securities dealer (6)
5 Representing one's country (6,3,4)
6 French secondary school (5)
7 Sirius (3,4)
12 Shun (7)
14 Language rules (7)
15 Demons (6)
17 Jockey (5)
19 Tithe portion (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 3004

ACROSS: 1 Asleep 5 Motive 8 Spot 9 Liniment 10 Trojan 12 Slam 15 Sophisticated 16 Slow 17 Plenty 19 Playgoer 21 Flux 22 Sweets 23 Eureka

DOWN: 2 Superbowl 3 Eat 4 Paleness 5 Mind 6 Time share 7 Von 11 John Wayne 13 Awestruck 14 Disperse 18 Toss 20 Law 21 Fur

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Gower seeks to clear the air

David Gower faces an awkward reunion in India as MCC holds its special meeting over his exclusion from England's tour. Before leaving Adelaide, he talked to Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

DAVID Gower, the unwilling subject of the special general meeting of MCC tomorrow, has another, more personal, meeting occupying his thoughts this morning. It will take place in Calcutta, probably before the end of this week, and it will either confirm that the England dressing-room door is closed to him henceforth or give him the incentive to carry on playing a game that has, perhaps, kicked him in the teeth once too often.

The flippant and the inscrutable jostle for position on Gower's face. Even Graham Gooch, who has known him as long as most, claims he cannot fathom him. But when the two meet, as inevitably they will after Gower arrives to commentate on the Calcutta Test, Gooch will this time be left in no doubt over the priorities in the troubled mind of the exile.

"I would like a chat with him sooner rather than later," Gower said yesterday. "I will initiate it myself if Graham doesn't, because if we don't talk about it, things are going to be increasingly awkward. I am going to be in India for five weeks and we can't just keep passing in the hotel lobby and saying 'good morning' as if nothing had happened."

Gower last spoke to the England captain five months ago, when Gooch broke the news of his omission from the touring party. It was not the first time Gower has received such an unwanted call but this one had a sharper edge.

"Since getting back in the side, I had done everything I wanted to do and everything I assumed they wanted me to do. So it annoyed me more than hurt me and I know Graham would have got that impression in a hurry. I could almost sense him holding the phone away from his ear."

Gower smiles at the memory now but, if the pain of rejection has receded, much of that annoyance remains. It is shared, as he is well aware, by a healthy proportion of the cricketing public, whose outrage has its vehicle in tomorrow's expensive, divisive and, ultimately, valueless MCC meeting to vote on a motion of no confidence in the England selectors.

Without a trace of arrogance, Gower says he was not particularly surprised by the strength of feeling over his treatment. He has, of course, been through it all before and he both acknowledges and enjoys the fact that he commands a special place in the public heart.

"I received hundreds of letters," he said. "I set out with every good intention of replying to them all but it became simply impossible. I appreciate all the support and I was flattered, at first, by the stand taken by Dennis Oliver and his MCC friends. But I have to say I wish it had not gone this far."

Gower, who has spoken to Oliver only on a radio station telephone link, even considered making a personal plea on the matter. "It crossed my mind to ask them to drop it. The meeting cannot benefit me now and may even antagonise the very people I have to try and placate. But those who have called it must see there is a broader principle worth pursuing."

After ten weeks in Australia, working for Channel Nine television, Gower admits to a certain surprise that he now finds himself joining up with the England tour that shunned him. "I had no plans to do this. In fact, back in September, I decided it was best to cut myself off from everything to do with the tour."

His mind was changed by lucrative offers from Sky television and a Sunday newspaper, and Gower is now flying to Calcutta in a positive frame of mind. "I was in a similar position three years ago when I went out to the West Indies after not being picked for the tour. I worried about it then, because I didn't know what to expect, but no sooner had I arrived than Micky Stewart asked me to have a chat and Graham Gooch took me for a game of tennis."

He hopes for a similar, productive truce this week. It is no exaggeration to say that his future self-motivation depends on it.

"I have signed on for two more years with Hampshire and I do want to continue playing while I can. The closer I get to retirement, the more daunting it becomes. But the possibility of playing for England again is still the key element in going on, and I have got to think positively about this summer's Ashes series."



Gower: off to India

Malcolm on target, page 40
May's bounty, page 40

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